

We Create Community

**LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE AND
ANIMAL CARE SERVICES**

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RECREATION JOB FAIR SHOWCASES PRM OPPORTUNITIES



On December 6, El Dorado Park West hosted the first of three job fairs for the Community Recreation Services Bureau.

Many job seekers came to explore current and upcoming job opportunities in over 14 programs including Day Camp, Summer Fun, Youth and Adult Sports, Be SAFE, Seniors, WRAP and many more. Staff were on hand to share their experiences and recruit individuals eager to learn what a day in the life of a Recreation Leader Specialist is all about. Potential candidates had an opportunity to apply for job bulletins currently open during the fair.

The Community Recreation Services Recruiting and Hiring Committee worked hard to make this event such a success.

The Committee includes Co-Chairs, Caitlynn Cruz & Andrea Lain-Ruffino and committee members Daveth Yoak, Yeselin Martinez, Jessica Flores, Jessica Ramirez-Barragan and Aralia Gonzalez. Also, a huge shout out to Henry Salzer, Sophia Grant, Iliana Gonzalez, Sydnie Wooten, Michael Quijada, Candace Montgomery, Diego Duarte, Rhiannon Wilson, Mechelle Smith, Kelly Bowen, Donna Helsley, Sokry Sao, Maria Gutierrez, Yonique Edwards, Nash Neyra, Javier Salcedo, Madelyn Herm, Noah Parkins, Ashley Russell, Allison Stone and Brittany Glenn-Johnson who all shared their knowledge and passion for their work with the potential candidates.

Upcoming job fairs are scheduled for February 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Houghton Park, and on February 25 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at McBride Park.

Director's Corner

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



Happy New Year! 2023 has great promise for Long Beach

with energetic leadership exuding from our new Mayor Rex Richardson and Councilmembers Kristina Duggan in Council District 3, Megan Kerr in Council District 5, and Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie in Council District 9. Both the messaging within the Inauguration and the State of the City Address envision many exciting and dynamic initiatives in the coming year. We wish former Mayor Robert Garcia great success in his new role in Congress in D.C. representing our area. We also thank outgoing Councilmembers Suzie Price and Stacy Mungo for their many years of effective leadership and support of Parks, Recreation, Marine, and Animal Care Services.

Throughout the month of December, our Department received many accolades and words of appreciation for Trees in the Bay, a popular holiday tradition that our Marine Bureau team proudly presents for the community. Now the task of bringing these iconic trees back into storage until next year begins.

At Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS), a new annual record of adoption placements was achieved with nearly 2,000 furry friends finding a loving home. Congratulations to our great LBACS staff and dedicated volunteers for their amazing work over the past year. The new year offers an abundance of new opportunities to expand the awareness of our foster program and special services and programs.

Our Parks, Recreation, Marine, and Animal Care Services Management Team will be coming together for an important Strategic Planning Retreat at the end of this month to reflect upon our many accomplishments of 2022 and charting our Department's course for 2023. Many of the past year's goals of improving our customer service and responsiveness were successfully achieved while navigating our fiscal year with a balanced budget and seeing many amazing capital improvement projects completed and celebrated.

Our Department's leadership team will be conducting an orientation and facility familiarization program for the Parks and Recreation Commission in the coming months. We thank our Commissioners for their leadership throughout the past year as we look forward to a busy agenda in 2023.

If you made any New Year's resolutions that included a healthier, fit lifestyle, then our Department's parks, beaches, facilities, programs, and special events in the coming year should serve you well. Here's to a great 2023! Parks Make Long Beach...Parks Make Life Better!

NATURALIST NOTES: FOUND A BABY SQUIRREL?

Place your phone near the babies and loop this recording: <https://youtu.be/cpTiUTAeeH8> (be sure to turn your ringer off). The recording is a video of a baby squirrel crying.

The recording will help the mother find her babies. Place the babies in a box near the tree or area they were found. Give mom plenty of space and time for her to come back for them. We recommend up to six hours. Supervise the reunite from a distance and keep children and pets indoors.

Visit the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center at #WWCCOC #wildlife #squirrel for more information. Video courtesy of Chris Clark.



EL DORADO SENIOR CENTER SENIORS GIVE BACK



The El Dorado Senior Center crochet and knitting group has been donating care bags for persons experiencing homelessness for over 15 years. In December, the group assembled 180 bags that each contained a knitted hat and scarf (by the group themselves), socks, a sewing kit, and hygienic products including a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo and conditioner.

This group meets every Friday in the library at El Dorado West where they work on knitting these warm hats and scarves in preparation for this annual donation just in time for the cold holiday season.

El Dorado West Senior Center and staff are proud of this group of ladies for their time and effort put into this very kind donation. Thanks to El Dorado West Senior Program Coordinator Henry Salzer for the great photos.



LONG BEACH ANIMAL CARE SERVICES TO HOST FIRST HAPPY HOWLIDAYS SERIES



Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS) held a series of "Happy Howlidays" adoption events and donation drives across Long Beach throughout December.

Events took place at Houghton Park on December 10, and at Pet Supplies Plus (2086 N. Bellflower Blvd.) and Bixby Park on December 16. A festive wrap-up event was held at the LBACS shelter on December 17. Throughout the series the public was able to adopt animals with the adoption fees waived, participate in raffles to help fundraise for shelter pets, donate treats and toys to the animals, and have fun with ugly sweater contests and ornament decorating.

For more information about supporting Long Beach Animal Care Services, visit <https://www.longbeach.gov/acs/donate-and-volunteer/donations/>.



PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE'S ANIMAL CARE SERVICES BUREAU ACHIEVED A NEW ADOPTION RECORD IN 2022, SMASHING THEIR PREVIOUS ADOPTION RECORD BY 83%.

PRM WRAP PROGRAM YOUTH RECEIVE NEW BICYCLES FROM BAHATI FOUNDATION

Thirty youth from the Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) WRAP program were invited

to attend the 5th Annual Motion Equals Healthy Bike Giveaway sponsored by the Bahati Foundation on December 17 at Dignity Health Stadium Sports Park in Carson. The foundation provided new bicycles to youth who had participated in Walk & Roll program led by Long Beach Health and Human Services (DHHS) at PRM WRAP sites.

This is the start of a partnership between PRM, the Bahati Foundation and DHHS to provide more bike programming to encourage physical activity and safe biking.

The Bahati Foundation supports underrepresented youth by providing resources and access to the sport of cycling, fitness/wellness, and STEM-based educational opportunities. Visit <http://www.bahatifoundation.org> for more information.



PRM BALL HOCKEY SEASON CLINIC A ROYAL SUCCESS

Youth Sports staff Khali Campbell, Jessica Ramirez Barragan and Gabriel Cruz worked together to produce a youth sports season of Ball Hockey.

At the December 7 kick-off event, there was an excellent turn out with 102 registered participants who received their participant t-shirt, ball hockey stick and ball, plus attending the skills clinic and playing their first game of the season.

Special thanks to the LA Kings Foundation for their generous donation.



WINTER BREAK ACTIVITIES HELD FOR LONG BEACH YOUTH AND TEENS

Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) offered free extended supervised recreation programs for youth over the winter school break, December. 27 through 30 and January 3 through 6. Youth enjoyed free games, crafts, sports tournaments, field trips and holiday celebrations at 22 park sites.

Teens also participated in free winter break recreation activities at Admiral Kidd, Cesar E. Chavez Park, Houghton Park, McBride and Silverado Parks and the Freeman Community Center.



A WINTER BASKETBALL CAMP WAS HOSTED BY PRM'S TEEN ACADEMY AND OPPORTUNITY YOUTH COLLABORATIVE TEENS.



YOUTH ENJOYED A NOON NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT WITH SENIORS FROM THE MCBRIDE PARK SENIOR PROGRAM.

Red Cross Blood Drive El Dorado Nature Center Museum

7550 E. Spring St.
Long Beach, CA

Monday, February 6, 2023
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Free Youth Indoor Soccer Leagues

Season Begins April 1, 2023

Online Registration February 13-March 10 • Uniform Fee: \$10, scholarships available

INDOOR SOCCER SEASON DATES: SATURDAYS, APRIL 1-MAY 6, 2023
PRACTICES BEGIN THE WEEK OF MARCH 20. PRACTICES HELD OUTDOORS, GAMES HELD INDOORS.
May 13 Youth Sports Invitational for teams that qualify

Coed Soccer
Ages 5-8 (Born 2015-2018)



Boys Soccer
Ages 9-14 (Born 2009-2014)



Girls Soccer
Ages 9-14 (Born 2009-2014)

Call your local park to sign up

Admiral Kidd 570-1600
Bixby 570-1601
Chavez 570-8890
Cherry 570-1615
College Estates 570-1710
Coolidge 570-1618
Drake 570-1625
El Dorado West 570-3225

Houghton 570-1640
King 570-4405
Mac Arthur 570-1655
Mc Bride 570-1605
Orizaba 570-1427
Pan American 570-3287
Ramona 570-1665

Scherer 570-1674
Seaside 570-1625
Silverado 570-1675
Somerset 570-8915
Stearns Champions 570-2867
Veterans 570-1695
Wardlow 570-1705
Whaley 570-1710

Visit www.teamsideline.com/longbeach for registration information and links to your park site.

WRAP SITES: 570-3530
Burbank Elementary
Edison Elementary

Garfield Elementary
Grant Elementary
Herrera Elementary

Hudson (K-8th grade)
King Elementary
Lafayette Elementary



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OVERLOOK PARK MARINE BUREAU LANDSCAPING REFRESH

Kudos to Marine Bureau Gardner II / Contract Monitor Roberto Quinonez for a job well done.

Marine Bureau staff received complaints from the residences near Overlook Park that guests were allowing their dogs on the turf panel in the cluster of Palm Trees near their homes. Roberto took initiative and began removal of the turf/soil, identified a plant palette consisting of the following: Garlics, Agaves, Day Lilies, Dianella Tasmanicas, and a Hibiscus, amended the soil, planted the new plants, and modified the irrigation to a drip system to allow for better water conservation, integrating functional and cosmetic improvements to the turf panel with the refresh.



TAKE THE 14TH ST. PARK COMMUNITY SURVEY! ¡TOME LA ENCUESTA COMUNITARIA DEL PARQUE 14TH ST.!



Please share your feedback and help us prioritize what improvements you would like to see happen. You could win a \$25 gift card!

Take the brief survey here:
tinyurl.com/14thStEnglish

Favor de compartir su retroalimentación y ayude a priorizar las mejoras que le gustaría ver que tomen lugar. ¡Puede ganar una tarjeta de regalo de \$25!

Tome la breve encuesta aquí:
tinyurl.com/14thStSpanish

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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CONGRATULATIONS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH BRITTANY HOWE



L-R: RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT JOY WARREN, CRS BUREAU MANAGER GLADYS KAISER, BRITTANY HOWE, PRM DIRECTOR BRENT DENNIS, AND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION CHAIR BOB LIVINGSTONE

Congratulations to Brittany Howe, Employee of the Month for November.

She recently answered a few questions so that we can get to know her better. Brittany is a Clerk Typist III in the Community Recreation Services Bureau.

What's the last TV show you binge-watched? White Lotus, Season 2.

What's the best thing you've learned in your current position? My team has showed me when to hold 'em (jump in) and when to fold 'em (ask for help).

What's your own advice that you always follow?
Respond, don't react.

What's one small thing that makes your day better?
Walk breaks in the Regional Park – every time!

Who inspires you? My mom – still learning and growing and being fancy at 80.

What is or would be a good nickname for you at work?
"Icebreaker"

What song always gets you onto the dancefloor?
"Lookout Weekend" by Debbie Deb.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?
Teleportation to anywhere in the world, anytime.

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

What is one fashion trend you want to bring back?
Everyday glamour.

What is something you are really good at? Walking on a trail for a very long time before complaining.

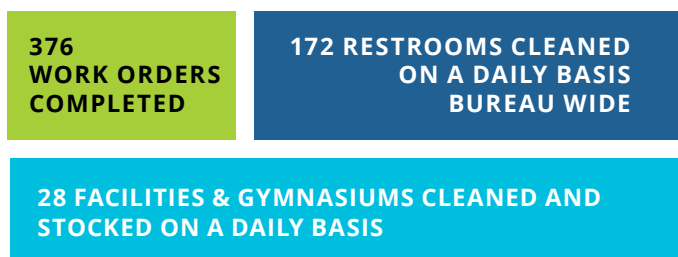
How long have you worked with Parks & Rec? How long with the City? 5 years with City of Long Beach, currently a Clerk Typist III.

PRM COMMUNITY SERVICE • MAINTENANCE • WATER USE DECEMBER BY THE NUMBERS

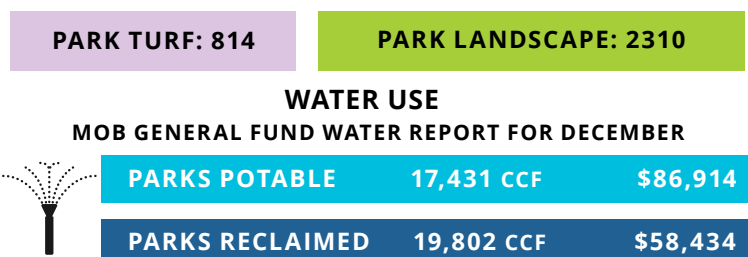
COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS PROGRAM



GENERAL MAINTENANCE



PARK ACRES MAINTAINED



JANUARY 2023 CALENDAR

Th. 19	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Fri. 20	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Sat. 21	10 a.m.	3rd Saturday Wetland Warriors Cleanup	Colorado Lagoon
Mon. 23	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Tue. 24	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Wed. 25	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Th. 26	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Fri. 27	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Sat. 28	9 a.m.	4 th Saturday El Dorado Regional Park Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Regional Park Area III
Mon. 30	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Tue. 31	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites

FEBRUARY 2023 CALENDAR

Wed. 1	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Th. 2	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Fri. 3	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Sat. 4	8 a.m.	Swim Lesson Registration for	Belmont Plaza, King Park, Silverado Park Pools
		Sat. Sessions from 3/4-4/22	
	10 a.m.	First Saturday Steward Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
	11 a.m.	New Volunteer Open House. Call 562.206.2020 for details.	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 6	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Tue. 7	10:30 a.m.	Free Storytime	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 8	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Th. 9	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Fri. 10	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Mon. 13	8 a.m.	Swim Lesson Registration for M/W Sessions from 2/27-3/22	Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 14	8 a.m.	Swim Lesson Registration for Tu./Th. Sessions from 2/28-3/23	King Park Pool
Wed. 15	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Th. 16	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Fri. 17	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Sat. 18	10 a.m.	3 rd Saturday Wetland Warriors Cleanup	Colorado Lagoon
	10:30 a.m.	Storytelling Day with crafts and activities – Free	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sun. 19	9 a.m.	Great Backyard Bird Count	Visit www.birdcount.org/participate
Mon. 20		President's Day Holiday	
Tue. 21	10:30 a.m.	Free Storytime	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 22	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
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Free Mobile Recess Program - Visit a site to register:

Mondays and Wednesdays	2-4:30 p.m.	Grace Park, 361 E. Plymouth Street
Tuesdays and Thursdays	3-5:30 p.m.	Rose Park, corner of Orizaba Avenue and 8 th Street
Friday	2-4:30 p.m.	Hill Street, Hill Street and Gale Avenue

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