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LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE AND
ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

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LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE CELEBRATES OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN MAY



This May, Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is celebrating Older Americans

Month, recognized nationally by the Administration for Community Living, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The agency strives to explore diverse aging experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes. PRM has planned activities throughout the month for older adults to show how they be engaged, independent, and included in their communities through programs offered by PRM.

These great activities are coming up: Cambodian Music and Dance - May 19, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., McBride Park, 1550 M.L.King Jr. Blvd.

Art Workshop - May 23, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Expo Arts Center, 4321 Atlantic Ave. Pre-register at 562.570.1618

Older Adult Day Camp - May 24, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., El Dorado Regional Park, 7550 E. Spring St.

Gardening with Love - May 26, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave.

Older Adult Beach Day - May 31, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Leeway Sailing Center, 5432 Ocean Blvd..

All event details are available on the Senior Programs webpage on our website at LBParks.org.

Director's Corner

BRENT DENNIS, DIRECTOR, LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE AND ANIMAL CARE SERVICES



The age-old adage of “April showers bring May flowers” has certainly proved to be true this year. The record rainfall that

we received has greened up our parks and brought forth a colorful burst of blooms of native plants, trees, and shrubs in our landscapes. With snowcapped mountains surrounding our metropolitan areas, warming temperatures will begin to melt the snowpack and provide water to lessen the impacts of the many years of drought conditions. Conservation efforts are still important, and our park maintenance team will continue to monitor and manage irrigation across City parks.

May is Older Americans Month and all our senior center programming will be geared towards the celebration. The 6th Annual Senior Fest and Technology Pop Up event was held on Saturday, May 6 at the Long Beach Senior Center and attendees enjoyed food, fun, and resources.

While “kitten season” remains an ongoing care challenge, Long Beach Animal Care Services continues to present a dog available for adoption or fostering before the City Council meeting on the first and third week of each month. So far, the presentation opportunity has resulted in several successful adoptions of larger dogs into loving homes. We are thankful for the chance to heighten the awareness of Long Beach Animal Care Services dogs and cats that are available to the community along with excellent ways that volunteers support our professional team to fulfill our Compassion Saves mission.

Our Department's Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services team has responded collaboratively with citywide efforts to address homelessness in Long Beach as the emergency proclamation established by City Council continues into May. Beach and Park maintenance teams have assisted in encampment cleanup efforts that help make our beaches and parks cleaner and more welcoming. Our Department has team members actively supporting many essential planning and support duties for these important citywide initiatives.

Our Department established a Community Garden Network last year and one of the new initiatives the group is exploring is the incorporation of butterfly and pollinator gardens. Several Friends groups have established butterfly gardens in some of our smaller pocket parks. Earth Month brought lots of neighborhood groups out into their beloved parks for cleanup and beautification projects. Scores of new trees were planted last month in celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day. May the month of May see continued increased activation and beautification of our parks and beaches! Parks Make Long Beach...Parks Make Life Better!

NATURALIST NOTES IT'S SUPER BLOOM TIME

The entrance to the Golden Grove Area in the El Dorado Regional Park is in a

“super bloom” with beautiful plants that amaze visitors and are a favorite of butterflies. From poppies and scarlett flax to purple statice and white alyssum, every color, shape and texture you can imagine are arranged together in around the entry sign and show off the wonders of nature in the middle of our city.

Please remember not to pick the flowers. That way everyone can enjoy them, including the birds and the bees.

Happy Spring!!!



SUMMER SPECIALTY CAMPS

ADD VARIETY FOR KIDS OVER THE SUMMER

Parks, Recreation and Marine offers many week-long camps that allow youth

to engage in favorite activities or explore new interests. More information and registration is available at LBParks.org.

SPORTS

Basketball Camp Learn the basics of passing, shooting, ball handling, rebounding and defense. Ages 7-12 years old. 6/26-6/30 and 8/7-8/11. Both sessions 9 a.m.-noon, M-F. \$199. College Estates Park

Flag Football Fueled By USA Football Build skills in passing, receiving, kicking and flag pulling. 7-12Yrs. 6/19-6/23 and 7/24-7/28. Both sessions 9 a.m. – noon M-F. \$199. Marina Vista Park

Soccer Camp Athletes will focus on dribbling, passing, shooting, ball control, and sportsmanship. Ages 7-12 Yrs. 6/5-6/9 and 7/10-7/14. Both sessions 9 a.m.-noon, M-F. \$199. Marina Vista Park

Skatedogs Skateboarding - All ability levels. Signed waiver, "trick" skateboard, knee elbow pads, and helmet required. 5-13 Yrs. 6/26-6/30, 2-5 p.m. M-F and 8/21-8/25, 9 a.m.-noon, M-F \$260. Heartwell Park

STEM

Pokémon Engineering Using Lego® Materials Build and catch your favorite Pokémon, rescue Pikachu from Team Rocket, take a ride on the S.S. Anne to uncover rare Pokémon, and battle to see who will hold the title of Pokémon Master. 5-7 Yrs. 6/26-6/30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., M-F, \$190. Recreation Park

Pokémon Master Engineering Using Lego® Materials Learn to build your favorite Pokémon, teach them special moves, evolve them into more powerful versions, and battle for the title. Ages 7-12 Yrs. 6/26-6/30 2-5, p.m., M-F, \$190. Recreation Park

Adventures in STEM Using Lego® Materials Build engineer-designed projects and use special pieces to create unique designs! 5-7 Yrs. 7/24-7/28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., M-F, \$190. Recreation Park

STEM Explorations Using LEGO® Materials Apply concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture through engineer-designed projects. 7-12 Yrs. 7/24-7/28, 2-5 p.m., M-F, \$190. Recreation Park

Learn Coding Using The Lego® Spike Prime System Learn basic programming using simple block coding that allows kids to grasp diverse coding challenges. Build robots using motors, sensors and lights with LEGO® and coding. 6-8 Yrs., 7/31-8/4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., M-F, \$190. Recreation Park.

Explore Coding Using the Lego® Spike Prime System Learn about mechanical and software design, problem solving, and teamwork skills. Design and construct your robot to avoid obstacles, pick up and carry objects, and play sounds. 9-12 Yrs., 7/31-8/4, 2-5 p.m., M-F, \$190 Recreation Park.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

The Long Beach Summer Music Academy Camp provides 7th and 8th grade (11-15 Yrs.) band and orchestra students with one year of music training a place to play over the summer. 6/20-8/8, 5:30-8 p.m. Tu *No class: 7/4. \$195. Wilson High School



Superhero Gymnastics Camp Superheroes will learn hip hop hero dance moves and tumbling skills, and create their own super-powered costumes for a show at camp's end! 4-7 Yrs., Material fee: \$25. 6/12-6/16, 9:30-11 a.m., M-F, \$165. Marina Community Center, Seal Beach

Enchanted Princess Camp Princesses will sing, dance, and create magical costumes to wear for the happy ending-our Enchanting Show at camp's end! 4-8 Yrs., Material fee: \$25. 6/19-6/23, 9:30-11 a.m., M-F, \$168. Marina Community Center, Seal Beach

Fabulous Fairy Camp Do you Believe? With a sprinkle of pixie dust, we'll journey to a land of flower fairies and secret garden games. We'll create pixie dust and fairy wings to wear for a special show at camp's end. 4-7 Yrs., Material fee: \$25. 7/10-7/14, 9:30-11 a.m., M-F, \$168. Marina Community Center, Seal Beach

Sonic! Dance and Gymnastics Camp Using golden rings, create maps of safe worlds to explore! We'll tumble, roll and dance creating a supersonic show at weeks end! 5-Yrs., Material fee: \$25. 7/10-7/14, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., M-F, \$168. Marina Community Center, Seal Beach

Hip Hop Camp This camp will get everyone dancing to upbeat music. We'll throw down mats and tumble too. 5-12 Yrs. Material fee: \$25. 7/17-7/21, 9:30-11 a.m., M-F, \$168. Marina Community Center, Seal Beach

Musical Matilda This musical theatre camp will have campers singing, acting and dancing all the hits from Matilda the Musical to put on a smashing performance at weeks end! 5-12 Yrs. Material fee: \$25. 7/17-7/21, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., M-F, \$168. Marina Community Center, Seal Beach

Magical Mermaid Camp Mermaid princesses will sing, dance and create treasures of the deep for a magical show at camp's end. 4-7 Yrs. Material fee: \$25. 7/24-7/28, 9:30-11 a.m., M-F, \$168. Marina Community Center, Seal Beach.

Harry Potter Theater Camp Students will memorize lines for a magical show at a camp's end in costumes we create! Ages: 5-12 years old. Material fee: \$25. 6/26-6/30, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., M-F, \$168. Marina Community Center, Seal Beach.

Paw Patrol Camp Using gymnastic skills, we'll run rescue missions, complete obstacles and dance away as we pretend to be our favorite characters in this action-packed camp! 4-6 Yrs. Material 7/31-8/3, 10:30-11:30 a.m., M-Th., \$138. Marina Community Center, Seal Beach.

PRM PARTNERS WITH LA DODGERS FOUNDATION THIS SUMMER



Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine is once again partnering with the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation

(LADF) to provide youth T-ball, baseball and fastpitch softball programs this summer through Dodgers Dreamteam, a comprehensive sports-based youth development program that uses the power of sport to provide critical resources and services.

Through a \$62,430 grant from LADF, accepted by the Long Beach City Council on March 14, PRM's Youth Sports Program will offer T-Ball and coach pitch for ages 5 to 8 and baseball and fastpitch softball for youth ages 9 through 17 this summer. PRM has applied for and been awarded this grant from LADF since 2017. To date, the grant funding has assisted PRM in providing baseball and softball programs to over 3,000 Long Beach youth ages of 5 through 18, including over 950 players participating at 23 City locations during the 2022 program. LADF added funding for a Dodgers Dreamteam Coordinator position to the grant agreement.

Registration is going on now at teamsideline.com/long-beach for the 2023 program that will run from June through August. Space is limited and practice days and times will vary for all programs:

Coed T-Ball and Coach Pitch Divisions: Game days are Wednesday evenings at 5:30 or 6:30 p.m. Participants must be born in 2016 or 2017 (Coed T-Ball) or 2014 or 2015 (Coach Pitch Divisions).

Minor Baseball (Boys) Division: Game days are Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Participants must be born in 2012 or 2013.

Minor Softball (Girls) Division: Game days are Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Participants must be born in 2012 or 2013.

Major Division (Boys) Division: Game days are Thursday evenings at 7:15 p.m. Participants must be born in 2010 or 2011.

Major Softball (Girls) Divisions: Game days are Tuesday evenings at 5:30 or 7:15 p.m. Participants must be born in 2010 or 2011.

Junior Teen Baseball and Senior Teen Softball Divisions: Game days are Monday or Wednesday evenings at 5:30 or 7:15 p.m. Participants must be born in 2007 through 2009 (Junior Teen Baseball) or 2005 through 2009 (Senior Teen Softball).

Dodgers Dreamteam players will receive uniforms, sports equipment, personal protective equipment, and resources that address basic needs, education and health-care. Participants will have free access to LADF programs like Dodger Days, Fitness and Nutrition Clinics, Coaches Trainings, Player Development Trainings and College and Career Accelerator Workshops. Participants of the T-Ball and Coach Pitch divisions will receive a team photo and medals. Dodgers Dreamteam coaches are certified and fully vetted. The grant will also assist with field maintenance needs.

Call 562.570.1707 or email to matthew.waterman@long-beach.gov for more information.



PRM SUMMER KICK OFF CONCERT MAY 26

Bring your family and friends out for a night of fun with the ultimate 80's party dance band Flashpants!

Bring a picnic, blanket and chairs and dance your heart out at this concert to kick off the start of summer on Friday, May 26 at El Dorado Park West. Fun for the little ones at the Kids Zone starting at 5 p.m. with a moon bounce, face painting and more.

Concert runs from 6 – 8 p.m. Sing and dance to your favorite 80's music. Call 562.570.3150 for more information.



ANIMAL CARE SERVICES ADOPTION EVENTS

The staff and volunteers Long Beach Animal Care Services regularly plan events to encourage pet adoption and support for animals. Several events are planned over the next few weeks.

Pet Adoption Event: Pet Supplies Plus, Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., 2086 N. Bellflower Blvd. Meet your next four legged family member.

Bottle-Feeding Baby Bonanza Workshop & Donation Drive: Saturday, May 20 3-5 p.m., Long Beach Animal Care Services, 7700 E. Spring St. The community is invited to celebrate Mother's Day at the shelter by attending the Bottle-Feeding Baby Bonanza Workshop to learn how to bottle-feed newborn orphaned kittens. Donations of supplies will be welcome to help keep kittens safe and healthy.

Big Gay Beach Takeover: Sunday, May 21, from noon – 3 p.m., Lifeguard Rainbow Tower on the main beach at 12th Place. Meet adoptable pets at the Long Beach Proud Festival and enjoy art, music, beach games, and more.

District 7 Adoption Event: Saturday, June 10, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m., Admiral Kidd Park. This is a great opportunity to adopt a pet. All adoption fees will be waived and information about spay/neuter vouchers will be distributed. Pet licensing and pet laws will be provided.

Foster the 4th Kick-off Event: Friday, June 23, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Long Beach Animal Care Services, 7700 E. Spring St. Meet adoptable animals available for fostering. When animal shelter admissions spike because of incoming dogs and cats lost due to fireworks, space is needed in the overcrowded shelter. You can make a difference for a dog or cat by fostering an adoptable pet for up to 14 days to make space for the incoming animals during the holiday.

PRM STRATEGIC PLAN HONORED BY APA IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF DIVERSITY

Congratulations to the Park, Planning and Partnerships Bureau on receiving an American Planning Association (APA) – Los Angeles Chapter Award of Merit in the Advancing Diversity and Social Change (Paul Davidoff) awards category for "Parks Make Long Beach: Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine Strategic Plan (PRM Strategic Plan) ."

The award honors organizations that promote diversity and a commitment to addressing the concerns of women and minorities through actions or contributions within the planning profession. The award honors the late APA member, Paul Davidoff, for his contributions to the planning profession.

The "PRM Strategic Plan is a roadmap for the next ten years to guide operational, staffing, and budget decisions. The plan was created through three years of in-depth community engagement including multiple rounds of community and stakeholder surveys, public workshops

and events, stakeholder interviews, newsletters, emails, and meetings with PRM Department staff, key stakeholders, and the public.

The Plan emphasizes the importance of diversity, accessibility, and sustainability across all aspects of the Department, and addresses the historical origins of Long Beach parks and inequities such as lack of park space and lower life expectancies in communities of color that have resulted due to colonization, oil company interests, racially restrictive covenants, and private developers. In alignment with the City's Racial Reconciliation Plan, the Plan outlines a framework to end systemic racism by investing in community safety and violence prevention and improving health and wellness by eliminating social and economic disparities in communities most impacted by racism.

The Department is now eligible to move onto the State level APA award competition. For more information, visit <https://apalosangeles.org>.

PRM CLASS INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT: KEVIN HAMILTON



Long Beach PRM's contract class instructors enrich the lives of residents with recreational opportunities. These classes also support local businesses who provide the programs.

Kevin Hamilton is known for his fun teaching style and amazing results. He teaches the Summer Music Academy at Wilson High School, a program that allows students entering 7th and 8th grade on the fall with a

year of music training, to have a place to play over the summer.

Recognized by the Long Beach PTA as Teacher of the Year in 2007, Mr. Hamilton takes great pride in fostering each child's musical abilities while also strengthening their self-esteem.

He recently answered some questions from our editor:

How did you get into music instruction? During my first few years of college, I realized that I could make a living doing two of the things that I loved most, creating music and working with young people. I was fortunate enough to have some amazing mentors as I went through college in pursuit of my degree.

What was your inspiration for the Summer Music Academy?

I wanted to provide a place for my students, and all the students of Long Beach, to continue progressing musically over the summer vacation. Additionally, my hope is that friendships will form between music students at different schools in our community.

How do you feel your work improves or impacts the community? I don't know that it impacts the community per se, but it can create wonderful experiences for the students and families involved. The students get to make new friends, improve their musical skills, and perform in a concert for their families.

What do you like most about working with the Long Beach community? I absolutely love meeting so many wonderful Long Beach families. It's great to witness the sense of pride from the parents and child right after a concert, or the excitement on the face of the younger sibling when they tell me that they can't wait to start an instrument.

Tell our readers why they should attend your class...

If you are a middle school musician, and enjoy playing a band or orchestra instrument then this is the class for you. Make new friends, learn new songs, and improve your skills.



The Music Academy Camp takes place on Tuesdays from June 20-August 8 from 5:30-8 p.m. Register for class 58105 at LBParks.org.

PRM SPRING BREAK SPRING FUN DAYS ACTIVITIES

Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) offered its free youth recreation program, Spring Fun Days, at 22 parks throughout

Long Beach during the school spring break, from April 10 - 14.

The free extended supervision (drop-in, non-custodial care) recreation program for children ages 5 through 12 years old featured games, crafts, sports tournaments, field trips and more.

Kids from the El Dorado Park West program had fun making wind chimes and other art projects, taking a field trip to El Dorado Nature Center to explore the natural world up close, playing sports, enjoying games and meeting new friends.



CONGRATULATIONS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH HENRY SALZER



Congratulations to Henry Salzer, Senior Coordinator at El Dorado West, who goes above and beyond the call of duty every day.

His compassion and kindness to the older adults he serves is extraordinary. He makes sure that everyone that walks through the doors feels like family. He makes it a point to learn

everyone's name and encourages his support staff to do the same. He listens to the senior's life stories and always asks about family, friends and travels. When seniors have not been in for awhile he gets concerned and calls them to check up on them. When he is on vacation, the seniors miss him.

He is the one that coordinates the set ups of the many meetings and trainings at El Dorado West. This may even mean doing several room set ups and takedowns in one day. His professionalism is fantastic. He has received many

kudos from other City departments and bureaus for all of his hard work during these meetings.

His supervisor Andrea Lain knows that the park, participants, patrons and staff are in good hands in her absence.



HENRY SALZER, EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH WITH SUPERVISOR ANDREA LAIN.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS PROGRAM



NUMBER OF PERSONS ENROLLED 23

156 HOURS WORKED AT EL DORADO PARK AREAS

32 HOURS WORKED AT LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS

24 HOURS WORKED SPECIAL CLEAN-UPS

588 CSW HOURS WORKED FOR SEPTEMBER

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

580 WORK ORDERS COMPLETED

172 RESTROOMS CLEANED ON A DAILY BASIS BUREAU WIDE

28 FACILITIES & GYMNASIUMS CLEANED AND STOCKED ON A DAILY BASIS

PARK ACRES MAINTAINED

PARK TURF: 814

PARK LANDSCAPE: 2310

WATER USE

MOB GENERAL FUND WATER REPORT FOR MARCH

PARKS POTABLE 8,895 CCF \$54,124

PARKS RECLAIMED 2,861 CCF \$16,507



MAY 2023 CALENDAR

Date	Time	Program	Location
Fri. 19	Varies M-F 11 a.m. 10 a.m. – 1p.m.	Free After School Recreation Program Pet Supplies Plus Pet Adoption Event Older American's Month Cambodian Music and Dance Event	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites 2806 N. Bellflower Blvd. McBride Park
Sat. 20	3-5 p.m. 10 a.m.	Bottle-Feeding Baby Bonanza Workshop & Donation Drive 3 rd Saturday Stewart Wetlands Cleanup	Long Beach Animal Care Services Jack Dunster Marine Reserve
Mon. 22	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Tue. 23	Varies M-F 10:30 a.m.	Free After School Recreation Program Art Workshop Pre-register at 562.570.1618	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites Expo Arts Center
Wed. 24	Varies M-F 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Free After School Recreation Program Older American's Month Adult Day Camp	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites El Dorado Regional Park
Th. 25	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Fri. 26	Varies M-F 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 6 p.m.	Free After School Recreation Program Older American's Month Event Gardening with Love Free Summer Concert with 80's Cover Band Flashpants	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites Houghton Park Recreation Park
Sat. 27	9 a.m.	4 th Saturday El Dorado Regional Park Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Regional Park Area III
Mon. 29	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Tue. 30	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Wed. 31	Varies M-F 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Free After School Recreation Program Older Adult Beach Day	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites Leeway Sailing Center

JUNE 2023 CALENDAR

Th. 15	6:30 p.m.	Free Concert JP McDermott	El Dorado Nature Center
Sat. 17	10 a.m.	3 rd Saturday Stewart Wetlands Cleanup	Jack Dunster Marine Reserve
Tue. 20	Noon	Free Summer Fun Days Recreation Program for Ages 512	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Wed. 21	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Top Gun Maverick"	Signal Hill Park
Th. 22	Dusk	Free Be S.A.F.E. program movie Sonic the Hedgehog 2	Drake Park
Fri. 23	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Top Gun Maverick"	Cherry Park
Sat. 24	9 a.m.	4 th Saturday El Dorado Regional Park Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Regional Park Area III
Tue. 27	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Whaley Park North
Wed. 28	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
Th. 29	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Concert Big City Hillbillies Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Be S.A.F.E. program movie Jurassic World Dominion	El Dorado Nature Center Recreation Park Admiral Kidd Park
Fri. 30	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West

Free Mobile Recess Program - Register on Site:

Mondays and Wednesdays	2-4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays	3-5:30 p.m.
Friday	2-4:30 p.m.

Grace Park, 361 E. Plymouth Street
Rose Park, corner of Orizaba Avenue and 8th Street
Hill Street, Hill Street and Gale Avenue

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