

We Create Community



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Maintenance Operations Stares Down “LB Surge”



Parks, Recreation and Marine Beach and Marine Maintenance staff worked diligently during the last week of August and from September 6-9 to ensure the safety of homeowners in the low lying Peninsula area of the city, and to maintain safe conditions on the beachfront.

Hurricane Marie from Central America had generated storm surges that put the Peninsula area at risk for flooding. While the large wave action attracted surfers and hundreds of on-lookers, residents were asked to keep their distance from the dangerous waters and the heavy equipment that was reinforcing sand berms. City Lifeguards reported that water rescues were up almost 400 percent during the surge period compared to a typical August day.



The PRM staff coordinated efforts with Public

Works, Long Beach Fire and volunteers from the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and the Long Beach Search and Rescue Explorer Program, who distributed information fliers to households and assisted with crowd control and the closure of the Peninsula to non-residents.

As the LB Surge surged, staff worked around the clock to fortify sand berms, install plywood along the Penin-

sula, and assist with the distribution of sand for sandbags. Thanks to the Beach Maintenance team of Equipment Operators Richard Davis, Calvin Alls, Jose Flores, Fernando Navarette, Fred Rodriguez, Kelly Armstrong, Jed Francisco and Trggve Holden; General Maintenance Assistant Mark Januszka; Maintenance Assistants Charles Jensen, Tommy Townsend, Duane Wyant, Jeff King, Ernesto Martinez, Sal Ballesteros, and Casey Edleman; Gardener Alex Perez; and Park Maintenance Supervisors Joe Ambrose and Ken Herbage.

The Facility Maintenance team consisted of Superintendent Cory Forrester, General Maintenance Supervisor Raul Romero, and Maintenance Assistants Everardo Sanchez, and Jorge Donato also worked steadily throughout the week.



Also contributing strongly to the effort were the Marine Maintenance employees under the guidance of Superintendent Hurley Owens, including General Maintenance Supervisor John Amick, General Maintenance Assistants John Bosworth and Emir Sayyid, Maintenance Assistants Carlos Crawford, Tony Esparza, Alex Kariuki, Charles Padilla, Garrett Potter, Cesar Tovar, and Fred Towns; and Equipment Operator Chris King.

Parks, Recreation and Marine is grateful for the support of the staff of the Public Works Department under the leadership of Superintendent Art Cox.

Big Hair and Big Fun Rock Out the “100 Days of Summer”



On August 29, PRM staged the final event for the “100 Days of Summer” promotion, a free concert at Marine Stadium by Born Jovi, one of the best Bon Jovi tribute bands around. More than 1,000 people enjoyed the fun from a Kid’s Zone with a moon bounce, face painting and a balloon artist, to a variety of food trucks. The band had the crowd up and dancing to the signature Bon Jovi hits.

This is the fifth year that Parks, Recreation & Marine and the Long Beach Convention and Visitor’s Bureau (LBCVB)

have promoted the idea of “Staying and Playing in Long Beach.” LBCVB created www.100daysofsummer.org, an online resource for residents to plan their summer fun by searching for free or low cost recreational events.



Be S.A.F.E. Program A Summer Success

The Department concluded another successful summer of the “Be S.A.F.E.,” Summer Activities in a Friendly Environment,” program. Be S.A.F.E. was offered Monday through Friday, from 6-9 p.m. from June 16 through August 22.

Staff at Drake, Houghton, Seaside, King, Admiral Kidd, Silverado, and Scherer Parks engaged more than 54,000

residents in arts and crafts projects, fitness and cooking classes, karate classes, indoor and outdoor games, tournaments, kid’s zones, and much more during extended park hours, and in a safe and friendly environment.

Funding was provided by the respective City Council Offices.



Community Recreation Services Bureau: By the Numbers - July 2014

Permits to Gather	257
Reserved Picnic Sites	50
Number of Contract Classes	206
Facility Use Permits Issued	54
Field Use Permits issued	109
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes	510
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	15,764
Adult Sports League Participants	16,116
Visits to City and City Operated Pools	41,068
Youth and Teen Participants	77,247
Senior Citizen Participants	44,178
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center	20,975

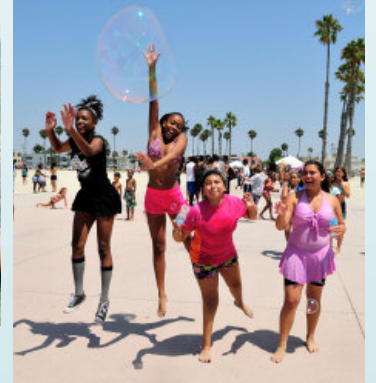
All City Beach Day Fun For All



More than 2,000 youth from 34 Department Day Camp and Summer Fun Day sites enjoyed a day at the beach on August 8 at the annual "All City Beach Day."

The counselors and staff conducted sports, a dance contest, and sand sculpture activities, and made sure there was lots of time to play in the water. The kids enjoyed a pizza lunch and spending the day with friends.

This field trip allowed some youth to see the ocean for the first time.



All City Track Meet Breaks Records for Fun and Self Esteem



On Saturday, August 16, the All City Track meet returned to Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine after being eliminated 14 years ago.

A total of 165 youth, ages 9 to 14, from all different parts of the city came together at the newly renovated Chittick Field to participate in a day-long track and field meet. The events included the Shot Put, the Long Jump, the Vertical Jump, the 100 Meter Dash, the 800 Meter Run, the Mile Run, the 4x100 relay, and the Team Mile.

Following the events all of the youth were awarded with medals and or participation ribbons. It was a great day for everyone involved and we look forward to continuing the tradition for years to come.



Sand Artistry Displayed at Great Sand Sculpture Contest



The 82nd Annual Great Sand Sculpture Contest brought together families, friends and artists over the weekend of August 16 and 17 to celebrate our local beach.

Part of the Long Beach Sea Festival, the event featured internationally-recognized professional sculptors building centerpiece sculptures with amateur professionals and community teams challenging each other for highly-valued gift packages.



The crowd enjoyed merchandise vendors, live music, food and a kid's zone.

All proceeds from the competition benefited the Long Beach Library Foundation.



Mud Mania Squishy Fun for Everyone



Participants in the Rancho Los Cerritos annual Mud Mania – "A Celebration of Adobe" held on August 17 learned about Southern California's adobe soil and its many uses throughout history.

Guests made real adobe bricks, plastered a wall with mud, constructed mini-adobe homes, competed in mud relay races, threw clay pots, explored archaeology, and even examined critters that live in the soil.

There were also plenty of "clean" activities, and live bluegrass music featured throughout the afternoon.

El Dorado Seniors Enjoy Memphis Magic

The El Dorado seniors got an early start to the Labor Day weekend with a picnic on August 28. The theme was "Memories of Memphis" with the king himself, Elvis portrayed by Impersonator Gary Anderson who sang, sneered and danced to the delight of the crowd. A delicious lunch was provided by the Human Service Association and served by the park's teen volunteers.



Class Expo Showcases Fall Classes



Kidz Love Soccer Team Ready to Kick It

Residents got a preview of Parks, Recreation and Marine's fall recreation classes at the "Fall Class Expo on August 9. Residents had the opportunity to register early for fall classes, as well as see class demonstrations and meet instructors during the expo. The demonstrations including Mexican Dance, Futsal, Voice/Music, Hula Dance, Ukulele, Belly Dancing, Martial Arts, Fitness, Zumba, Tap Dance, Woodworking, Soccer and Readwrite and Write On! Child Enrichment classes. Everyone who registered for a class at the Fall Class Expo received a \$5 credit toward a future class.



Hoku Bray teaches both Hula and Ukulele Classes.



Sherrie Zachau leads Zumba Class



Students in Antonio Silva's Shotokan Karate Class



Harriett Bennish Vocal Instructor wows the crowd.

Welcome to "Rec Connect"!

Parks, Recreation and Marine has a new class registration system that is convenient and easy to use.

"RecConnect" is a web based system that allows users to:

- Register for activities
- Reserve facilities (coming soon)
- View program schedules
- Make credit card payments
- Track purchases
- And much more

Set up your account now. It's as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Visit <http://activenetactive.com/lbparks> or follow the link at www.LBParks.org. There are several "how to videos" and answers to "FAQs."

2. Click on the "Request an account" button.

3. Fill in your information, then click "Submit" (or click "Submit and Add Family Member" to register more people at the same address.)

Little Picassos



Dance Classes



Gymnastics



Start getting involved now!

Animal Care Services Low Cost Pet Clinics



Convenient low cost pet clinics are coming to a park near you. Pet owners ages 18 years or older can have their pets vaccinated against rabies, renew licenses and have their pets microchipped. All pets must be on leashes or in carriers, and be healthy and non-pregnant. Customers should bring prior rabies vaccine certificates, license tag or license renewal notices with them to the clinic. Vaccination and microchip services are provided for pets residing in any city. Licensing service is provided for residents of Long Beach, Signal Hill, Cerritos, Los Alamitos and Seal Beach. For more service information and pricing visit <http://www.scvvc>.

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October 4

10 - 11:30 a.m. Marine Stadium, 5255 Paoli Way
1:30 - 3 p.m. Silverado Park, 1545 W 31st St.

October 18

10 - 11:30 a.m. Signal Hill Park, 2175 Cherry Ave.
1:30 - 3 p.m. Stearns Champion Park, 4520 E 23rd St.

October 26

10 - 11:30 a.m. Coolidge Park, 352 East Neece St.
1:30 - 3 p.m. Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Blvd.



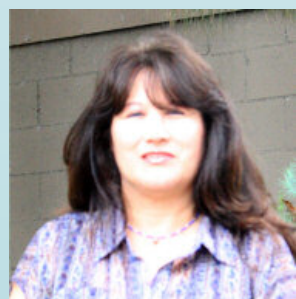
Animal Care Services Mobile App

Pet owners and animal lovers can now easily search for adoptable animals, find dog parks, search impounded animals and locate veterinary facilities with the Long Beach Animal Care Services mobile application.

The free App includes social media feeds, videos and news about services and programs from Animal Care Services.

The App, called "Long Beach Animal Care Services," is available on iTunes (<http://bit.ly/1hlsZGa>) and Google Play (<http://bit.ly/19SYx0J>).

Elvira Hallinan Appointed Manager of Marine Operations



George Chapjian, Director of Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine has appointed Elvira Hallinan as Manager of Marine Operations for the City of Long Beach, effective August 23, 2014.

Ms. Hallinan was selected after the completion of a nationwide executive search. She has extensive experience working with marina operations including Marine Maintenance, Marine Safety/Lifeguards and Marine Patrol, as well as retail tenants, live-a-boards and the citizen Marine Advisory Commission. Ms. Hallinan has been instrumental in the \$109 million rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina, which opened in the 1950s with 1,900 boat slips. The Long Beach Marine Operations Bureau manages the nation's largest municipal marina system with three marinas, 3,600 boat slips and five launch ramps.

Ms. Hallinan has served as Acting Manager of Marine Operations since September 2013. Ms. Hallinan began her career with the City of Long Beach as a Management Assistant in 1989 and worked as an Administrative Analyst for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, and later in the City Budget Office. In 1998 she was appointed Administrative Officer for the Department of Library Services. She left City service for a few years to raise a family, and returned in 2007 to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine as an Administrative Analyst in their Contract Management Division. She was promoted to Special Projects Officer in the Marine Bureau in June 2010 before taking over as Acting Manager of Marine Operations.

Ms. Hallinan holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Texas at El Paso.

Congratulations to Elvira!

Why is Water Running in a Park?

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is taking the lead in water conservation in the City by working to limit water waste and boost water conservation.

PRM strives to water within the times perscribed by the Long Beach Water Department, on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays before 9 a.m. and after 4 p.m. If you see watering in parks outside of these times, irrigation system maintenance and repair may be underway. The yellow repair signs on site will let you know the status.



We want to hear from you and appreciate your comments. If you see a problem with watering in a Long Beach park or median, call (562) 570-4895 or after hours call (562) 570-3101 or email LBParks@longbeach.gov.

Report Park Water Waste on Go Long Beach App



While Parks, Recreation and Marine staff strives to minimize water waste, the public's assistance is still needed to report instances of water running down sidewalks or water line breaks. A convenient way to communicate park water waste is with the Go Long Beach App and the issue choice, "running water in a park."

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. It is possible to quickly submit service requests for "running water in a park," as well as other issues such as pot-holes and graffiti. iPhone and Android device users can use the App to select an issue, take a picture, and submit. The App knows the exact location and sends the issue to city staff. Persons can also track the status of requests through their mobile device.

Go Long Beach 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>.

Know Your Long Beach Park: Valparaiso Plaza

The .48-acre Valparaiso Plaza sits on a portion of what was formerly Bixby Park. When the beach parking lot was constructed in 1968, Junipero Avenue was extended down the bluff to access the parking lot, separating this half-acre lot from the rest of Bixby Park.

Beachgoers on their way to Junipero Beach pass a canon perched on the bluff that points out over the ocean. The canon guarded the City of Valparaiso for over 100 years and their citizens donated the canon to Long Beach in 1976 as a symbol of the strength of the sister city relationship between the two cities. In the same year, the Long Beach City Council renamed this area of Bixby Park Valparaiso Plaza.



Maintenance Operations Bureau: By the Numbers - August 2014

Community Service Program Workers:	149	Work orders completed bureau wide:	389
Community Service Program Hours:	2,642	Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis:	172
		Facilities & Gymnasiums cleaned daily:	28
Queensway Bay:	638	Park acres maintained:	
Beach Maintenance:	942	Park turf:	814
Marine Maintenance:	239	Park landscape:	2,310
Los Cerritos Wetlands:	132	Street (medians) turf:	53
All other sites:	691	Street landscape:	143

September

Sat. 13:	10 a.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic	McBride Park
	10 a.m.	LB Sea Festival K-9 Festival	Rosie's Dog Beach
	10 a.m.	*Pickling and Fermentation Workshop	Rancho Los Alamitos.
	1:30 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Veterans Park
Sun 14:	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
	1:30 p.m.	*Lecture "Should Our Future Cling to Our Past?"	Rancho Los Alamitos
Mon. 15:	Varies	Fall Tennis Classes Begin	Visit www.longbeachtennis.com
Tue. 16:	9:30 a.m.	Docent Training Session Begins	Rancho Los Alamitos
Th. 18:	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
Sat. 20:	9 a.m.	California Coastal Cleanup Day	Call (562) 570-4876 for locations.
Th. 25:	4 p.m.	Teen Recruitment Open House	Rancho Los Cerritos

October

Wed. 1:	Open Hours	Free Youth Flag Football, Volleyball and Volleytennis League Sign-ups	Park Community Centers
Sat. 4:	10 a.m.	First Saturday Stewards Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
	10 a.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Marine Stadium
	1:30 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Silverado Park
	4:30 p.m.	Creation Station Crafts for ages 6-10	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sun. 5:	4:30 p.m.	**Ghostly Fundraiser- Victorian Halloween Traditions	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 6:	Times Vary	**New Four-week Swim Sessions Begin	Belmont Plaza Outdoor Pool
Th. 9:	2 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission	Long Beach Yacht Club
Sun. 12:	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 13:	Times Vary	**New Four-week Swim Sessions Begin	Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 14:	Times Vary	**New Four-week Swim Sessions Begin	King Park Pool
Wed. 15:	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission	Long Beach Senior Center
Th. 16:	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission	El Dorado Senior Center
Sat. 18:	10 a.m.	Wetland Warrior Clean	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
	10 a.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Signal Hill Park, 2175 Cherry Avenue
	1:30 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Stearns Champion Park
Sun. 19:	1:30 p.m.	**Lecture: "Urban Nature Isn't What You Think"	Rancho Los Alamitos
Sat. 25:	9:30 a.m.	California Native Plant Sale	El Dorado Nature Center
	10 a.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Coolidge Park
	1:30	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Scherer Park
Sun. 26:	12 p.m.	Children's Fall Harvest Festival	Rancho Los Alamitos;
Tue. 28:	6 p.m.	**"HOWL" -oween Festival	El Dorado Nature Center

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