

We Create Community



Belmont Temporary Pool Receives American Public Works Association Award

The American Public Works Association Southern California Chapter named the Belmont Temporary Pool "Project of the

Year." The 50-meter pool was recognized in the Creative and Innovative Category for demonstrating resourcefulness and the use of imagination.



The Belmont Plaza Pool was found structurally unsafe and permanently closed to the public in February 2013. Plans are underway to replace the permanent structure with a state-of-the-art aquatics facility.

The temporary pool was designed with materials that can be reused or sold. Other pool components were designed for reuse, including mechanical equipment, light fixtures, bike racks, and a portable restroom and shower trailer.

The temporary pool is equipped with a moveable bulkhead, and is programmed for a variety of swim events. The pool was designed and installed in only 10 months, and opened on December 19, 2013.

The Imagine Houghton website, is now available to provide information about the replacement of the Houghton Park Community Center. The original Community Center was built in 1930, updated in 1959, and expanded in 1987. While it has served residents well, it is time for a new Houghton Park Community Center. Visit

www.imaginehoughton.com

to take an online survey about how you use the current Houghton Park Community Center.



PARK FACILITY NEWS

Year in Review

During 2014, Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (LBPRM) accomplished many projects that improved the quality of life for Long Beach residents.

New Parks and Recreation Facilities

In February, Coolidge Park received a refurbished basketball court and a new playground funded by the Los Angeles Clippers FIT Program, and The California Endowment. A Fitness Zone was funded through Long Beach Health & Human Services.



LBPRM improved physical fitness options for residents by opening “fitness zones” at Coolidge Park in February and at 14th Street Park in March with outdoor exercise equipment.

The 1.5-acre El Dorado Dog Park opened on February 8 and the .25-acre Coolidge Dog Park opened on March 22 and to make a total of eight dog recreation areas in the City.

The revitalized Chittick Field sports complex opened on April 23 with a football field, all-weather track, three soccer fields, restrooms, bleachers, sports lighting, landscaping and parking.

A Tot Lot was added at Loma Vista Park in June, to enhance the .14-acre site.

In August, the California Department of Housing and Community Development Housing-Related Parks grant program announced that LBPRM will receive \$553,000 from to replace the playground, install fitness equipment and rehabilitate the grounds and facilities at MacArthur Park.



The Orizaba Park Community Center opened on August 2 to provide space for recreation programs and a digital training academy. The energy efficient building was designed to achieve a LEED Gold certification. The building was funded with \$2.2 million in Proposition 84 funds.

On October 26 the public was invited to a “closing ceremony” at the Belmont Plaza Pool before demolition began in November.

In November the Bixby Park Bluff renovation was completed with new staircases and ADA accessible path to the beach.

Plans are underway to replace the 80-year old Houghton Park Community Center. A community meeting was held in November to discuss proposed designs and amenities.



In December, the renovation of Miracle on 4th Street Park was completed and included new walkways, landscaping, playground surfacing and tetherball court.

Awards and Recognitions

El Dorado Park was recognized as one of the “Top 30 great inspiring inner-city parks in the Country,” by socialworkdegreeguide.com, an on-line resource for career options in the field of Social Work.

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Recreational Opportunities for All Residents

El Dorado Nature Center promoted stewardship of our natural resources with beach cleanups on Earth Day in April and for California Coastal Cleanup Day in September. At both events, hundreds of volunteers removed trash from beaches and waterways.

For the fifth year in a row, LBPRM and the Long Beach Convention and Visitor's Bureau facilitated the "100 Days of Summer," campaign to encourage residents to "stay and play" in Long Beach between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

More than 1,800 people came to Whaley Park on June 20 to sing-a-long to the movie "Frozen," part of the 9th annual "Movies in the Park" program sponsored by Signal Hill Petroleum in partnership with Partners of Parks.



LBPRM offered 10 weeks of summer day camps with sports, arts, and aquatics programming at nine locations. The free Summer Fun Days recreation program was offered at 26 parks. Seven parks were open for extended hours during the week for recreation activities and Library programs as part of the "Summer Activities in a Friendly Environment," Be S.A.F.E. program.

LBPRM served approximately 110,000 free meals from June 23 - August 22 at 22 parks, two Signal Hill parks and six non-profit organizations as part of the U.S.D.A. Summer Food Service program.

More than 2,000 youth from 32 Day Camp and Summer Fun Day sites enjoyed a day at the beach on August 8 with sports, dance contests, sand sculptures, and water play.

On October 11, 150 Junior Beach Runner (JBR) program youth from eight Long Beach Unified School District WRAP

programs ran in the Aquarium of the Pacific Kids One Mile Fun Run. The JBR program increases knowledge about healthy foods and physical activity.

Technological Advances

In April LBPRM initiated the "Rec Connect," online class registration and facility reservations system. The system provides easy access for credit card payments and viewing account activity.

LBPRM added a new category on the GO Long Beach Mobile App, "Running water in a park," to enable citizens to report the water waste issues to staff.



Partnerships

In July, Animal Care Services transported 150 shelter dogs to the Washington state for adoption. Transport fees were donated by the Wings of Rescue, Bark Avenue Foundation and Shelter Me non-profit organizations.

Maintenance Operations

In September LBPRM Beach and Marine Maintenance staff worked around the clock to fortify sand berms, and install plywood along the Peninsula to ensure the safety of homeowners during storm surges from Hurricane Marie.

Several capital improvement and maintenance projects were completed in 2014. Irrigation systems were assessed city-wide. A total of 14 park and street medians were improved with drought tolerant landscaping, new trees and irrigation system improvements. More than 44,000 square feet of park walkways were replaced or repaired. Baseball field renovations were completed at two sites, sports court resurfacing at ten parks, restroom upgrades at 10 locations, and roofing replacements were done at five parks.



Holiday Happenings at Parks, Recreation and Marine



Parks, Recreation and Marine hosted several community holiday events in December. Houghton Park's fifth annual "Breakfast with Santa" on December 20 delighted hundreds of residents who enjoyed a delicious breakfast, a sing-a-long, face painting, balloon animals, family pictures and holiday performances.



Every year the Houghton Park seniors look forward to the park's Holiday Craft Bonanza. This is a opportunity to create seasonal wreaths, garlands, table centerpieces and holiday cards. The seniors had fun socializing and all went home with projects to decorate their homes for the holidays.

More than 300 people attended Silverado Park's pancake breakfast on December 13. Everyone had fun participating in crafts, carni-games, super bouncers and meeting Santa Claus took pictures with kids sitting on an sleigh.



CRS Statistics November 2014

Permits to Gather	146
Reserved Picnic Sites.....	13
Number of Contract Classes.....	92
Facility Use Permits Issued	107
Field Use Permits Issued.....	68
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes.....	443
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	11,788
Adult Sports League Participants.....	9,376
Visits to City and City Operated LBUSD Pools .	12,994
Youth and Teen Participants.....	41,354
Senior Citizen Participants	40,902
Visits to the El Dorado Nature Center	17,599

El Dorado Nature Center Entryway Improvement Project

Final concept designs for a new entryway into El Dorado Nature Center were presented at the Nature Center on December 10 by AHBE Landscape Architects, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. The design was based on feedback received from the community at stakeholder meetings and from an on-line survey.



When the project is completed, visitors will see new entrances leading to the museum building and to a new children's exploration area. There will be another entrance just for school tours to lead to the amphitheater area. The improvements will also include a renovated amphitheater with seating for 150, a new pedestrian bridge, a new perimeter fence and added fence along Willow Street, and improvements to the museum.

Funding for the project comes from a grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and one-time infrastructure funds allocated in the 2014 budget. The work is scheduled to begin late June with completion by end of December 2015.

For updates about the El Dorado Nature Center Entryway Project, visit www.longbeach.gov/naturecenter

Winter Fun Days



Long Beach youth and teens look to Parks, Recreation and Marine for fun during school break periods. From December 22 - January 2, park community centers and teen centers were open for extended hours Monday through Friday except for Christmas and New Year's Day.

Ages 5-12 participated in "Winter Fun Days" with crafts such as making holiday stockings and lanyards, and chalk art.



Kids also had fun in cooking classes, bingo, four square and movies, dodge ball and flag football games, pool tournaments, and seasonal fun like "pin the nose on Rudolph."

The teens gathered for Xbox 360, volleyball, badminton and kickball games, fitness club, movies, book club, and scavenger hunts.



PRM Maintenance Staff Prepared for Pacific Storm

On December 12, PRM Maintenance staff were busy ensuring the safety of Long Beach parks, beaches and facilities as a powerful Pacific storm brought heavy rainfall and strong wind gusts.

Beach Maintenance crews prepared by fortifying sand berms on the beach, and maintaining storm run-off culverts.

Marine Maintenance staff installed debris booms to prevent trash from entering the marina areas, and installed plugs in the Naples sea wall to prevent flooding,

Throughout the City, grounds maintenance staff was busy clearing fallen trees, branches, debris and signs.

Facility Maintenance patched leaky roofs and filled holes in



parking lots and walkways.

With Chittick Field being an active storm water management facility, staff removed soccer posts and other equipment in anticipation of the bowl being filled with water. Even though the pumps can clear the basin in about an hour, the site remained closed for 7-10 days to allow the dirt road and turf areas to dry.

The El Dorado Nature Center closed their trails for the day due to muddy conditions.

It takes a team effort to be sure the residents of Long Beach have safe visits to our public recreational spaces in rain or shine.



Maintenance Operations Bureau - December 2014

Community Service Workers Program

Provided below are the attendance figures for the Community Service Worker Program for the month

Number of persons enrolled in the program108

Hours worked at Queensway Bay:818
(Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup)

Hours worked at Beach Maintenance:315
(Litter pickup along beach areas, parking lots, Belmont Pool area, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula area and maintenance yard)

Hours worked at Marine Maintenance:156
(Litter pickup around various sites including Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and assist with custodial work)

Hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands:411
(Litter pickup and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon and other Various Wetlands)

Hours worked at all other sites:759
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility maintenance)

CSW hours for the month of December: . .2459

During the month of December the program continued to operate efficiently with Community Service Workers playing a key role in helping the Department meet its objectives

Work orders completed by Maintenance & Development Bureau:195

Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis bureau wide: .172

Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned/stocked daily: .28

Park acres maintained:

Park turf814

Park landscape2310

Street (medians) turf53

Street landscape143

ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

Animal Care Services Graduates Explorer Class

The Long Beach Animal Care Explorer Academy provides interested young people with exposure to careers in public safety and the humane treatment of animals, with opportunities to grow personally and professionally through a program of community service. The 10-month program is conducted in a climate that emphasizes leadership and responsibility.

On December 20, 13 new Explorers graduated from the 2014 program. The group included Jaylenn Scott who was awarded a certificate for perfect attendance for his attendance at every class and fieldtrip. There were also three returning students, Roxy Mediano (Captain), Maria Valles (Co-Captain) and Jacob Smith (Mentor Officer). Roxy has been with the program since 2010 and plans to come back for another year only as an Adult Committee Member and Associate Advisor since she is now of age. She also volunteers her time helping the ACS Medical Team and as a Kennel Assistant. Jacob and Maria have been with the program since 2012 and may consider returning for another year as well. Jacob volunteers on a regular basis helping out the Kennel team.



ACS Explorers assist at KLOS Radio Adoption Event in June.
L-R: Jade Lumpin, Jaylenn Scott, Renee Royer, Roxy Mediano (Captain) and Sydni Gonzales

LONG BEACH ANIMAL CARE SERVICES BUREAU

invites the community to its

2015 Open House

SATURDAY JANUARY 24, 2015 12-3PM



**THE ANIMAL SHELTER IS LOCATED AT
7700 E. SPRING STREET LONG BEACH, CA 90815**

All residents, friends and guests are welcome to attend.
No RSVP is necessary



Residents and guests will be provided with a report card on the past year as well as an overview of new programs and technologies available to residents in 2015. Refreshments, tours and comments from residents will be included. Information on animal adoption, licensing, spay and neuter programs, and other animal care information will be available.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS OR OTHER ANIMAL CARE SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES,
PLEASE CALL (562) 570-PETS(7387), OR VISIT WWW.LONGBEACH.GOV/ACS**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January - February 2015

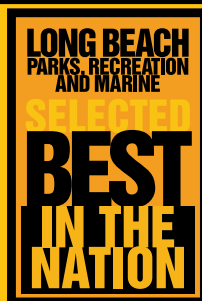
JANUARY 2015

Sun. 11:	8 am	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 14:	10 am	*Parent and Me Nature Workshop "Hiberation Station"	El Dorado Nature Center
Sat. 17:	10 am	Wetlands Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
Mon. 19:		M.L. King Jr. Birthday Holiday	
Mon. 26:		Spring "Recreation Connection" Program Guide Published	
Sat., 24:	12 pm	Animal Care Services Open House	7700 East Spring Street
Sat. 31:	Hours Vary	New 8-Wk. Swim Lesson Sessions begin	Belmont Plaza Outdoor Pool
	10 am	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Arbor Dog Park 4665 Lampson Ave. Seal Beach

FEBRUARY 2015

Mon. 2:		Spring Class Registration Begins	
Wed. 4:	Hours Vary	Mon./Wed. (2/9-3/11) Swim Lesson Registration Begins	Silverado Park Pool
Th. 5:	Hours Vary	Tue/Th. (2/10-3/12) Swim Lesson Registration Begins	King Park Pool
Sat. 7:	9 am	Great Backyard Bird Count	El Dorado Nature Center
	10 am	**First Saturday Steward Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
	10 am	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Bixby Park
	1:30 pm	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Silverado Park
	2 pm	"Out of the Wild Into Your Garden" Native Plant Lecture	El Dorado Nature Center
Sun. 8:	8 am	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 12:	2:30 pm	Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Yacht Club
Sat. 14:		Valentines Day	
Mon. 16:		President's Day Holiday	
Wed. 18:	9 am	Senior Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
Th. 19:	9 am	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
Sat. 21:	10 am	Wetland Warriors Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
	1:30 pm	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Good Neighbor Park

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