

We Create Community



Champions of the Community Award

The California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) has named Jim Danno and Kathleen Irvine of the Willmore City Heritage Association (WCHA) "Champions of the Community" in their annual awards program.

Kathleen and Jim were honored for their work with the WCHA to preserve the culture and history of the original Long Beach, "Willmore City." The two helped to establish a Children's Garden in Cesar Chavez Park, and the Willmore Heritage Garden in an underutilized area.



The 4,800 square foot Children's Gateway Garden within Cesar Chavez Park in downtown Long Beach is the first completely ADA accessible fruit and vegetable garden in Long Beach. The

garden has nine 30-inch high vegetable and fruit beds set among solid six-foot wide accessible pathways. The garden was funded with private donations and \$20,000 from the Long Beach Neighborhood Services Bureau.

They led the effort to transform a trash filled site near the 710 freeway into the Willmore Heritage Garden, a public green space with low water use plantings, drip irrigation and park benches. They oversaw the restoration of two artistic pillars from the demolished Jergins Trust building built in 1919 in downtown Long Beach for use as an entry gateway at the garden.

They have also produced "Winter in Willmore," an annual event held at Drake Park in that provides children's activities including a chance to play in the snow, music and food.

The award will be given at the 2015 CPRS Annual Awards Reception Banquet in Sacramento on Friday, March 13.

Excellence in Facility Design Award

The California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) named the Orizaba Park Community Center with an "Excellence in Facility Design" award winner for "high standards of planning, design, community involvement, and accessibility."

The 3,000 square foot center opened on August 2014 and completed the second phase of Orizaba Park's renovation. In November 2012, the former Long Beach Redevelopment Agency invested \$3.9 million to acquire four properties and add 1.1 acres to the park's existing 2.6 acres for a total of 3.7 acres of open space. Plans to add the community center began with the award of a \$2.2 million grant from the State of California Proposition 84.

The Center is designed to achieve a LEED gold rating from the United States Green Building Council. LEED or Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, is a green building certification program that recognizes best practices in construction to create energy efficient buildings.

The single story building is designed to improve indoor air quality, and reduce water and electricity consumption by over 30 percent compared to a traditionally designed building. All hardware and appliances are energy star compliant. The heating, air conditioning and lighting systems are low

emitting of volatile organic compounds, and have program-mable operating systems. The windows are energy efficient, and low emitting paint and flooring was used.

The community center building design is reminiscent of a train depot with its long shape and architecture to honor the culture and history of Long Beach as a place where the Pacific Electric Right of Way trains once ran from Long Beach to Los Angeles.

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Long Beach Animal Care Services Looks Back on a Year of Achievement



Long Beach Animal Care Services Bureau (ACS) welcomed the community to its Annual Open House on January 24. Guests learned about ACS successes in 2014 and what is planned for 2015. Some highlights from 2014 include:

- Dog euthanasia was reduced by over 15 percent from the previous year, and 30 percent fewer cats were euthanized.
- The live release rate for dogs was over 75 percent in 2014 compared to 72 percent in 2013.
- The live release rate for cats jumped to over 46 percent in 2014 from only 26 percent in 2013.
- Animal impounds were down 4.5 percent, a historic low.
- Dog rescues and transfers increased by 40 percent.
- Volunteers worked over 3,000 hours to support adoption programs and animal socialization.

- A total of 13 students graduated from the ACS Explorer Academy, a 10-month program that teaches young people about careers in public safety and the humane treatment of animals.
 - Almost 1500 pets were altered through the spay/neuter voucher program.
 - ACS sponsored Fix Long Beach, a program that altered 1766 pets in targeted neighborhoods.
 - In partnership with City Prosecutor Doug Haubert, the Fix Fest and Pet Care Expo was held at Silverado Park on May 17, 2014.
 - Low cost per vaccination clinics were visited by over 1,000 animals at 20 locations.
 - ACS strengthened relationships with groups such as spcaLA, Friends of Long Beach Animals and Fix Long Beach, and added new partners such as Found Animals, Stray Cat Alliance, Bark Avenue Foundation, Wings of Rescue, Shelter Me, ASPCA, Jason Heigl Foundation, Zazzy Cats, Helen Sanders Cat Paws, and West Coast Animal Rescue. These groups all helped to increase live outcomes, and aid many homeless shelter pets.
 - ACS also honored Claudia Hoffmann and Patricia Williams from FIX Long Beach with the "One Too Many" Award for their spay and neuter program. Daniel Marolda and Eagle Scout Jason Barnes, Troop #357 were named Volunteer of the Year for overseeing the Bunny Barn project.
- For more information about Long Beach Animal Care Services, visit www.longbeach.gov/acs or call 562-570-7387.

Protect Your Pets from Distemper

Long Beach Animal Care Services announced this month that three raccoons in Long Beach have tested positive for distemper. Distemper poses no health risk to humans; however, Animal Care Services shares the following tips to help prevent animals from contracting distemper:

- Vaccinate your dogs and cats.
- Although distemper poses no threat to humans, anyone bitten or scratched by a raccoon must contact their physician immediately.
- Feed pets indoors.
- Those who feed pets outdoors should remove any leftover food. It can attract infected animals not completely debilitated by the disease.
- Please do not feed wildlife.
- Restrain your pets; do not allow them to roam.
- Report sick or injured animals by calling Animal Care Services at 562.570.7387.

A healthy animal may contract canine or feline distemper

from direct contact with an infected animal or its bodily secretions and waste. Transmission requires close interaction between animals to enable direct contact or aerosol exposure. Many of the symptoms displayed by an animal with distemper are very similar to symptoms displayed by a rabid animal (only testing of brain tissue can determine if an animal is rabid).

In the initial stages of canine distemper, the major symptoms include high fever, reddened eyes, and a watery discharge from the nose and eyes. An infected dog will become lethargic and tired, and will usually become anorexic. Persistent coughing, vomiting, and diarrhea may also occur. Symptoms of feline panleucopenia, commonly referred to as feline distemper, include fever, vomiting, diarrhea and sudden death.

Low cost pet vaccination clinics are held monthly in Long Beach parks. For more information and for other dates and locations visit www.longbeach.gov/acs.



CRS Statistics December 2014

Permits to Gather	122
Reserved Picnic Sites.....	7
Number of Contract Classes	124
Facility Use Permits Issued	88
Field Use Permits Issued.....	69
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes.....	675

El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	8,152
Adult Sports League Participants.....	3,960
Visits to City and City Operated LBUSD Pools ...	8,822
Youth and Teen Participants.....	39,385
Senior Citizen Participants	39,077
Visits to the El Dorado Nature Center	19,917

Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine Spring "Recreation Connection" Published

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine's spring "Recreation Connection," class and program registration brochure is now available. The publication describes hundreds of recreation classes for all ages taking place from March through May 2015, as well as registration instructions and information about events and activities for entire family.

LBPRM spring class registration began on February 2 for more than 400 classes in art, music, nature, fitness, special interest subjects; adult sports leagues and aquatics programs. These programs provide opportunities for exercise and recreation, social interaction and learning, and growth and relaxation for ages pre-school to adults 50+.

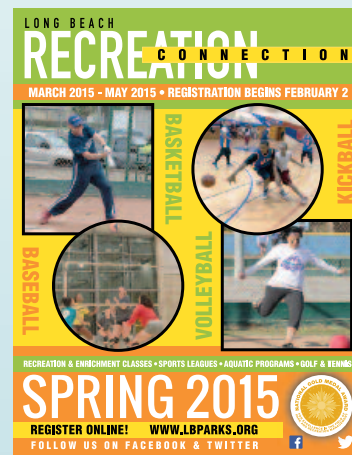
New classes for teens include "Analyze This," a class focused on developing skills with "response to literature" essays. An all on-line "Driver's Education" class will help teens get their learner's permit, and "Solo Voice for Teens" will develop breath control, range, power, high notes and confidence in singing.

New classes for adults include "Portrait Workshop" to learn

the art of painting portraits. Adults can improve skills at cha cha and salsa dance in "Latin Club Styles" dance class, and become energized with "Yoga Blend."

Information about senior citizen programs, teen centers, adult sports leagues, El Dorado Nature Center programs, aquatics programs and Long Beach Animal Care Services is also described in this new publication.

Residents can view and the publication online at www.lb-parks.org or pick one up at their local park community center or City library. Registration information is available at www.lb-parks.org.



Know Your Long Beach Park: Sleepy Hollow Greenbelt

The Sleepy Hollow Greenbelt spans the land below an elevated Union Pacific Railroad right of way along 47th Street between Long Beach Boulevard and Rio Avenue through a wedge-shaped neighborhood to a drainage channel leading the Los Angeles River.



The Virginia Country Club golf course is located along the southern end of the neighborhood next to the greenbelt.

In 1994 Union Pacific expanded service to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The Port of Long

Beach acquired the right-of-way land, and installed noise buffers and landscaping. When the right-of-way was landscaped, this created a greenbelt, maintained by Parks, Recreation and Marine.



The greenbelt also runs between Long Beach Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard for a short distance along 49th Street.

PRM Staff Assist with MLK Parade and Celebration



The 27th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace & Unity Parade and Celebration took place on January 17. With a theme, "From Poverty to Prosperity," the parade attracted thousands of onlookers who enjoyed marching bands, equestrian teams and classic car groups who traveled along the parade route.

Following the parade, a celebration took place at King Park from 12:30-5p.m. featuring performances by Lakeside and Boxcar 7, a Health Pavilion with free health screenings, and specialty craft, merchandise, food, and informational exhibitors. There was also a teen stage with dance performances arts and crafts booths, and a nutritional snack stand. The Aquarium of the Pacific on Wheels and the Los Cerritos Wetlands had exhibits and information.

Parks, Recreation and Marine Community Recreation Services staff Kameron Talavera, Bruce Brown and Junie Salcido were among staff who worked throughout the day to coordinate volunteers, transportation and vendor set up. Raul Romero and Ed Gahafer from Maintenance Operations oversaw grounds maintenance to ensure a safe and attractive venue for the event.



El Dorado Regional Park Passes

Recently a patron renewed their El Dorado Regional Park parking pass and said that this pass represented a 60lb weight loss over the past year. Walking the Nature Center trails is a great way to stay active and fit. Congratulations to them!

Get your pass at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Administration Building at 2760 Studebaker Road or at El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Street.

El Dorado Regional Park Annual Vehicle Entry Permits are valid for one year and expire on the last day of the month indicated on the permit. They may be transferred to other vehicles owned by the permit owner.

The cost is: General Public, \$60; and Senior Citizens (over age 50) and disabled residents, \$35.

For more information, call (562) 570-1771.



Councilwoman Stacy Mungo
and the Departments of
Parks, Recreation & Marine
and Public Works
invite you to a

COMMUNITY MEETING

Please join us on
Monday, February 23, 2015
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

at

**El Dorado Park West
Community Center**
2800 N. Studebaker Road

We will be discussing the
proposed installation of a
synthetic turf soccer field
and field lighting
at El Dorado Park West.



For more information, please call (562) 570-3150

Beach Maintenance Division Honored

Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) Beach Maintenance Superintendent Don Easterby accepted an honor on behalf of the Department's Maintenance Operations Divisions at the sixth annual awards banquet of the Aquatic Capital of America (ACA) on January 21 at the law offices of Keesal, Young & Logan. Don accepted the "Organization of the Year" for the efforts of the PRM Maintenance Operations staff in 2014 to make Long Beach "The Aquatic Capital of America."

The Beach Maintenance team worked diligently during the last week of August and during September 6-9 to ensure the safety of homeowners in the low lying Peninsula area of from the effects of Hurricane Marie from Central America. Marie had generated storm surges that put the Peninsula area at risk for flooding. Staff worked around the clock to fortify sand berms, install plywood along the Peninsula, and assist with the provision of sand for sandbags.

The work crews included:

Beach Maintenance Staff: Don Easterby, Calvin Alls, Joe Ambrose, Kelly Armstrong, Sal Ballesteros, Richard Davis, Casey Edleman, Jose Flores, Jed Francisco, Ken Herbage, Trggve Holden, Mark Januszka, Charles Jensen, Jeff King, Ernesto Martinez, Fernando Navarette, Alex Perez, Fred Rodriguez, Tommy Townsend and Duane Wyant. Facility Maintenance Staff: Jorge Donato, Cory Forrester, Raul Romero and Everardo Sanchez. Marine Maintenance Staff: John Amick, John Bosworth, Carlos Crawford, Tony Esparza, Alex Kariuki, Chris King, Hurley Owens, Charles Padilla, Garrett

Potter, Emir Sayyid, Cesar Tovar, Fred Towns

Following a reception and dinner, all honorees were presented with certificates and a framed oil on canvas painting, inscribed to commemorate the honorees by artist John Callos, from Supervisor Don Knabe and Third District City Councilwoman Suzie Price.

Congratulations to Don and the entire Beach, Facility and Marine Maintenance crews who helped to keep our City safe.



L-R: ACA Chairman Tom Shadden, Don Easterby, Parks, Recreation and Marine Director George Chapjian, and ACA President Dick Miller accept the honor.

Maintenance Operations Bureau - December 2014

Community Service Workers Program

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

Number of persons enrolled in the program93

Total number of hours worked at Queensway Bay . . .229
(Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup)

Number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance168
(Litter pickup along beach areas, parking lots, Belmont Pool area, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula area and maintenance yard)

Number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance . . .146
(Litter pickup around various sites including Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and assist with custodial work)

Number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands . .222
(Litter pickup and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon and other Various Wetlands)

Hours worked at all other sites:1465
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility maintenance)

CSW hours for the month of January:2230

During the month of January 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 and stocked daily28

Park acres maintained:

Park turf814

Park landscape2310

Street (medians) turf53

Street landscape143

Willow Springs Park Bee Sanctuary



Willow Springs Park will soon be home to a Bee Sanctuary operated by the Long Beach Beekeepers (LBB) in cooperation with the Sierra Club. On December 18 the Parks and Recreation Commission approved a plan for LBB to develop and operate a sanctuary north of the Long Beach Municipal Cemetery between California and Orange Avenues (Willow Springs). The sanctuary will have enclosed structures to house up to 20 rescued hives each year and provide spaces for classes, meetings and public observation. LBB plans to plant drought tolerant flora around the enclosures to serve as nectar and pollen resources and to beautify the area.

LBB was established in 2012 and conducts classes for residents about bees, pollination and the cultural aspects of honey and bee keeping. They also rescue bees and bee-hives to save them from destruction.

Historic Railroad Depot Building Moved to Willow Springs Park

As a great example of historic preservation and adaptive reuse, Willow Springs Park, on the west side of Orange Avenue between Willow and Spring Streets will be home to a new visitor's center created from a 107-year-old Southern Pacific Railroad Depot.

The 66 foot long, 30 foot wide Mission Revival style building was moved on February 4 from the City Public Service Yard on San Francisco Avenue to the southwest corner of Willow Springs Park, near the site of former railroad tracks that had been used by the Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad. The 5.5 mile route was carefully orchestrated and took approximately five hours to complete.

The Depot was built in 1907 near Broadway and Pacific Avenue to serve downtown train travelers. It was relocated in 1936, to the Public Service Yard for use as the City's Material and Chemical Testing Laboratory. The Depot will be re-assembled and then begin a multi-year restoration process prior to being re-opened to the public.

The first phase of Willow Springs Park, bordered by Orange and California Avenues and Willow and Spring Streets, opened in November 2012. The park features an ADA accessible path and parking stalls, fencing, native shrubs and trees, seating, and a plaza with an integrated map depicting the Los Angeles basin watershed. The park will ultimately consist of 47 acres of developed parkland.



PARTNERS OF PARKS/MARINE BUREAU

Partners of Parks “30 for 30” Campaign Celebrates Their 30th Anniversary

Since 1985 the non-profit organization Partners of Parks (POP) has raised funds for Long Beach recreation programs such as after school programs at parks, El Dorado Nature Center programs, junior golf and tennis programs, the Long Beach Municipal Band, Movies in the Park, senior citizen and teen programs, youth sports leagues, special events like “Snow Days,” and Youth Assistance Scholarships to ensure access to fee-based recreation programs for low-income youth.



Movies in the Park

Partners of Parks helps to ensure the safety and beauty of Long Beach parks and recreational facilities. POP support helped to open Baker Park, Chittick Field, the DeForest Futsal Courts, Dog Parks, Lilly Park, Livingston Drive Playground and the Orizaba Park Community Center. POP has supported the “KaBoom” playground program, the Lone Sailor memorial, universally accessible playgrounds, and the repair of the Bixby Park Band Shell. POP helps preserve natural resources by assisting local groups with “Adopt-a-Park” and beach cleanup events.



Long Beach Municipal Band Fundraiser

While the demand for Partners of Parks services have continually increased, POP's operating budget has not been augmented in over ten years. To enhance and add to the services that can be provided, POP is launching its first campaign to raise funds for its operation. The “30 for 30” Campaign has a goal to raise \$30,000 for the 30-year old Partners of Parks in 2015.



\$1 million Occidental Petroleum Donation

Join the hundreds of other people who support the work of Partners of Parks. Make a donation today at www.partnersofparks.org

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Marine Bureau Update

The construction of Docks 6, 7, 8 and 9 in Basin 2 in Alamitos Bay Marina is on schedule. All pile driving will be completed by mid-February. The dock floats are arriving for assembly at gangway 34 into long main walk dock sections. When all piles are in place, these sections will be floated across the channel to Basin 2 for final assembly and installation, scheduled for completion in June.

The California Department of Boating and Waterways approved a \$16.9 million loan for the completion of Basin 2. On February 17 the Long Beach City Council will be requested to appropriate these funds and authorize an amendment to the contract for Bellingham Marine Industries, Inc., for the demolition, dredging and reconstruction of the remaining docks in Basin 2.

In an effort to dredge Basin 2 and a small portion of Basin 3 within the dredging permit deadline, Marina Bureau staff is working on a relocation plan. It is hoped that all vessels in Basin 2 within the Alamitos Bay, Shoreline and Rainbow Marinas can be relocated.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February - March 2015

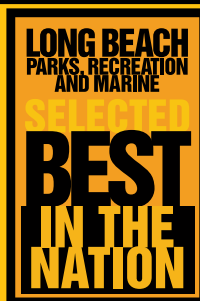
FEBRUARY 2015

Sat. 14:	Valentines Day	
Mon. 16:	President's Day Holiday	
Wed. 18:	9 a.m. Senior Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
Th. 19:	9 a.m. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
Fri. 20:	9 a.m. Garden Docent Training	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sat. 21:	10 a.m. Wetland Warriors Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
	1:30 p.m. Low Cost Pet Clinic	Good Neighbor Park

MARCH 2015

Mon. 2:	Open Hours	Sign Ups Begin for Free Youth Indoor Soccer Leagues	Park Community Centers
Sat. 7:	10 a.m.	First Saturday Stewarts Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
	10 a.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Signal Hill Park, 2175 Cherry
	1 p.m.	"Creation Station" Youth Craft Program	Rancho Los Cerritos
	1:30 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Recreation Park
Sun. 8:	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 9:	2 p.m.	California Native Plant Lecture	El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 10:	7 p.m.	*Family Nightlife Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 11:	10 a.m.	*Parent and Me Workshop: "We Leprechauns"	El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 12:	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Yacht Club
Mon. 16:	Varies	New 4-wk. M/W Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
	Varies	New 5 wk. M/W Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 17:		St. Patrick's Day	
	Varies	New 5 wk. Tu/Th. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	King Park Pool
Wed. 18:	9 a.m.	Senior Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
Th. 19:	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
Sat. 21:	10 a.m.	*Wetland Warrior Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
	10 a.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Marine Stadium
	1:30 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Lincoln Park
Wed. 25:	10 a.m.	*Parent and Me Workshop: "Bunny Hop"	El Dorado Nature Center
	6 p.m.	Commission on Youth and Children	PRM Admin, 2760 Studebaker Rd.

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