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Alamitos Bay 'Swimability' Improvements Launched



L-R: Councilmembers Roberto Uranga and Suzie Price, and Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal with new water quality information signs at Alamitos Bay.

Members of the community joined Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal, Councilmembers Roberto Uranga and Suzie Price, City Manager Pat West, and staff from the Office of the City Manager, Health and Human Services and Parks, Recreation and Marine to celebrate "swimability" improvements at Alamitos Bay on June 26.

A new, permanent, measured open-water buoy line in Alamitos Bay (that is believed to be the first of its kind in the United States), new swim ladders and water quality signage were unveiled, and were made available for public use. The 500-yard Bay Shore Buoy Line features marked buoys at every 100 yards, starting at the Bay Shore North Restrooms near Second Street and ending slightly east of the Bay Shore Swimming Pier.

Fifteen new swim ladders on public docks will increase

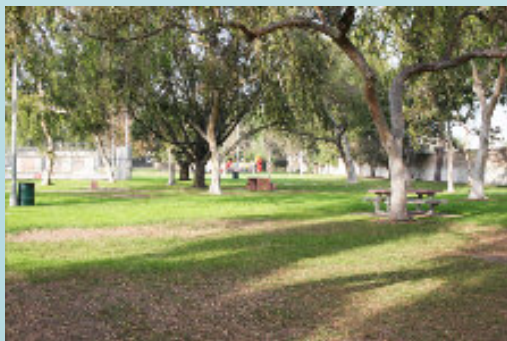
safety and help swimmers get in and out of the water at the popular Alamitos Bay. The swim ladders are located throughout the Bay, including Alamitos Bay Landing, the northeast corner of Naples Island, Mother's Beach, Davies Launch Ramp, and the Bay Shore Swimming Pier.

New signs will inform swimmers about water quality in the Bay to encourage more activity. The signs are installed at Bay Shore North Restrooms (across from the Bay Shore Neighborhood Library), Bay Shore South (near the Bay Shore Swimming Pier), the Kite Beach parking lot on Ocean Boulevard and Claremont Place, Colorado Lagoon, and Mother's Beach.

These improvements reaffirm the City's commitment to "livability" initiatives, including "bikeability" and "walkability," to promote healthy active lifestyles.



Long Beach Ranked 37th Best City for Recreation in Nation by WalletHubs



WalletHubs is a social media company that allows people to search for and compare financial products. Wallet Hub also researches and compiles rankings

for businesses, services and products. In time for National Park and Recreation month in July, they released their list of the best cities in the U.S. for recreation.

The website compared the 100 largest U.S. cities by how

they relate to the overall benefits of public spaces and recreational activities across the country. The study evaluated living costs, park quality, the accessibility of entertainment and recreational facilities, and climate.

Long Beach averaged a 37th ranking overall, and ranked 45th for entertainment and recreational facilities, 77th for costs, 36th for quality of parks and 12th for climate. Other California cities ranked as follows: San Diego, 12; San Francisco, 13 Sacramento, 15, Stockton, 29; Irvine 48 and Oakland 58.

For more information, visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-cities-for-recreation/5144/#methodology>

Extended Park Hours Keeping Neighborhoods Safe



Recreation Leader O'Tina McKinstry makes layup at Silverado Park.

For the fourth consecutive year, Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine is offering the BE S.A.F.E., "Summer Activities in a Friendly Environment" program. "Be S.A.F.E." serves neighborhoods by keeping several parks open later in the evening and offering classes, sports, games, tournaments, recreation and fitness activities.

The activities provide alternatives to negative behavior for youth and give families affordable options for fun including fitness programs, family movie nights, interactive learning experiences led by "Mad Science" and Long Beach Library's "On the Go Reading Program."

Residents are able to enjoy summer fun at Admiral Kidd, Drake, Houghton, King, Scherer, Seaside and Silverado Parks Monday through Friday from 6-9 p.m. The program began on June 20 and will end on August 26.

The Long Beach City Council is supporting the program with \$186,000 in funding. For more information about BE S.A.F.E. activities, visit www.lb parks.org.



Houghton Park Digital Academy



Recreation Leader Monica Ti and kids have fun with board games at Houghton Park.

Celebrating the 11th Year of Movies in the Park



L-R: Deborah Russell, Director of Communications for Signal Hill Petroleum, and Karen Reside, Trina Schoonmaker, and Randy Varn of Partners of Parks join in check presentation.

Parks, Recreation and Marine is celebrating it's 11th year of partnering with Signal Hill Petroleum and Partners of Parks to present the "Movies in the Park" program. At the June 14 meeting of the Long Beach City Council, both groups were recognized for their efforts to provide a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to spend time together at their local park, enjoying free popular movies.



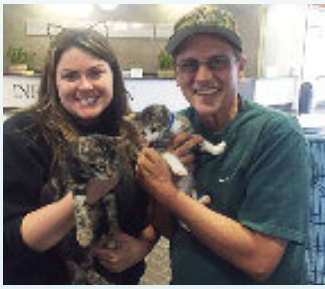
L-R: Deborah Russell, Marie Knight, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine; and Michelle Wilson, Superintendent of Community Recreation Services with 2016 Movies in the Park commemorative poster

Signal Hill Petroleum donated \$27,500 to Partners of Parks to help make "Movies in the Park" happen.

Visit www.longbeach.gov/park/movies_in_the_park.asp for Movie in the Park program schedule and information

Visit www.partnersof-parks.org for information on how you can get involved in supporting programs at Long Beach parks.

"Kitty Hall" Cat Adoption Event A Big Success



On July 8, Long Beach City Hall once again became "Kitty Hall" to encourage shelter cat adoptions and promote awareness of Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS). The 2016 kitten season has been very busy and the P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village has dozens of cats and kittens available for adoption.

LBACS brought 39 cats and kittens to City Hall on July 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Within the first 30 minutes, 15 cats were adopted beating last year's event total of 14. By the end of the event, 38 cats and kittens found new homes. A resident contacted LBACS and adopted the 39th cat at the LBACS Pet Food Express location the following day, ensuring that all 39 cats in attendance at the event found new homes. LBACS staff answered questions about cat ownership and accepted adoption applications. Spay and neuter vouchers, a discounted adoption rate of \$20 and other promotions were available.

To view animals available for adoption at the shelter, visit www.LongBeachAnimalCare.com or download the free LBACS mobile app on iTunes or Google Play.

Visit LBACS at the P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village, 7700 East Spring Street to adopt, volunteer, donate, license pets or obtain resources for low-cost vaccination and spay/neuter clinics. The Village is open Wednesday – Friday 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., and is closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and holidays.



Mayor Garcia with happy new cat owners.

Events like Kitty Hall provide convenient access for the public to meet adoptable pets.



The LBACS team including office staff, medical team, Animal Control Officers and dedicated volunteers made the 2nd Kitty Hall a success.

Long Beach Animal Care Services Mid-Year Snapshot

The year 2016 has been a great year for the Long Beach Animal Care Services Bureau's (LBACS) efforts to save animals. The 2016 year-to-date statistics are the best ever reported for the first six months of any year, and show increasing progress being made at the animal shelter in 2016, compared to the first six months in 2015:

- **A 15 percent reduction** in the number of cats and dogs impounded at the shelter, from 3,783 to 3,219.
- **A 37 percent reduction** in the number of cats and dogs euthanized, from 1,156 to 725.
- **Live Release Rates** of 89 percent for dogs and 63 percent for cats, compared to 85 percent and 54 percent, respectively. (The Live Release Rate is the percentage of animals returned to owners, adopted or transferred to a rescue group.)

Long Beach ACS continues to look for new partnerships, programs and innovative ways to help save lives, such as their smartphone App to increase adoptions and the Twitter feed #LBLostFoundPets help reunite lost pets with their owners. With the help of the community and hard-working staff, ACS looks forward to reaching more milestones in the future.



Ted Stevens, Manager of the Long Beach Animal Care Services Bureau with great

Groundbreaking Ceremony Held For Downtown Fitness Loop



A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Downtown Fitness Loop was held on July 9 near the Shoreline Marina Office. Guests saw the first installed piece of fitness equipment, as well as plans for the entire loop.

The Downtown Fitness Loop is a 4.8-mile walking/running path bordered by Ocean Boulevard, East and West Shoreline Drive, Aquarium Road and Golden Shore. The loop has distance markers that connect fitness equipment stations, allowing exercisers to develop a routine suited for their fitness level. Throughout the path, five active stations such as pull-up/dip bars, and six passive stations such as balance stretch and squats will be positioned.

The Downtown Fitness Loop will be the eighth free Fitness Loop in Long Beach. Free outdoor fitness loops are also available at Admiral Kidd, Houghton, Coolidge, Orizaba, Bixby, Chavez and 14th Street Parks.

"This enhancement to the Downtown area complements the beach pedestrian path and Bixby Park Fitness Loop," said Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal at the event. "The more we provide convenient access to fitness equipment in public space, the more we improve health and wellness within our community."



L-R: Heather Blackmun, Chief of Staff for Vice Mayor Lowenthal, Stephen Scott, Manager of Business Operations for Parks, Recreation and Marine, Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal and Elvira Hallinan, Manager of the Marine Bureau cut the ribbon on the first piece of fitness equipment for the Downtown Fitness Loop.

Beach Replenishment and Sand Berm Maintenance Underway

The Marine Bureau's Beach Maintenance Division is vigilant in their efforts to protect the low lying Peninsula area of Long Beach from the effects of storms and hurricanes that develop in the Pacific Ocean from May through November. Staff monitors weather charts to plan at least three weeks ahead of storms, which while happening hundreds of miles away, still send swells to Long Beach that erode the beach and that can cause possible flooding.

The east end of the City's ocean beach is most heavily impacted by Pacific storms that cause erosion. Using two trucks with a 35-yard capacity payload, staff move sand from the west beach, where sand naturally builds up to the east beach to maintain its normal width.

During this time, staff constantly monitors and repairs sand berms to protect homes from tidal flooding.

Staff limits the impact of their work on the community by restricting their hours of operation to 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

They also construct sand berms as far away from homes as practical and attempt to keep the berms high enough to be effective, yet low enough to provide a view.



Beach Maintenance staff manage beach erosion by shifting sand from the west beach to the east beach.

Staff maintains sand berms to protect homes in low lying areas from possible flooding.



Know Your Long Beach Parks: Fellowship Park



Fellowship Park, at Willow and Pasadena Avenue, opened to the public on June 22, 2004.

The .46-acre park furthered Parks, Recreation and Marine's

Open Space Plan goal to create additional acreage for parks. The neighborhood surrounding Fellowship Park is one that lacks sufficient open space and recreational areas.

This park, along a portion of the old Pacific Electric Right-of-Way, was created as a condition of approval of the adjacent self-storage project. The developer funded and constructed the park and deeded this portion of the property to the City of Long Beach for park purposes.

The park improvements included open turf areas, a tot lot, lighting, picnic tables, benches and parking. Participants at the Veterans Park Day Camp held a contest to choose the park name.



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By the Numbers: Community Recreation Services - May 2016

Permits to Gather	155
Reserved Picnic Sites	21
Number of Contract Classes	129
Facility Use Permits Issued	60
Field Use Permits Issued	26
Adult Sports League Participants	9,244
Visits to City / City Operated LBUSD Pools	27,502
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	13,025
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes	628
Youth and Teen Participants	44,287
Senior Citizen Participant	22,004
Visits to the El Dorado Nature Center	29,589

Maintenance and Development Bureau Update

LBPRM Irrigation Improvements



Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (LBPRM) is committed to effectively using limited water resources to maintain healthy and safe recreational open space for residents.

On June 16, 2016, the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners approved a Water Efficiency Cooperation Memorandum of Understanding with

LBPRM to allow the Department to have more flexibility in their watering schedule, while maintaining their current water allocation. LBPRM will be allowed to irrigate on days outside the regular residential and business watering schedule of Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. LBPRM is not mandated to water three days per week. It is important to note that Department can water on more days and times up to their budget amount.

An example of the flexible schedule would be not watering on Saturdays, to avoid disturbing the public's enjoyment and use of the parks. Being able to vary the watering schedule will also reduce stress on LBPRM's antiquated irrigation system and result in fewer pipeline breaks.

In order to maintain its current volume of water use, LBPRM will reduce watering in some less-utilized areas of the parks and concentrate more watering on higher-priority areas such as trees, playing fields, and recreation and picnic areas. LBPRM is also updating their infrastructure with newer irrigation technology, planting drought tolerant landscapes in strategic spaces and eventually, using more reclaimed water. Per the California Governor's mandate, LBPRM is not irrigating turf medians with potable water.

The goal of the collaboration between LBPRM and Long Beach Water is more efficient water usage in the parks and lakes, and reduced water irrigation system maintenance costs.

By the Numbers Maintenance Operations Bureau - June 2016

Community Service Worker Program:

Total Enrollment	167
Total Queensway Bay hours (Water cleanup, debris and litter pickup)	8
Total Number of Hours Worked at Beach Maintenance	64
Total Marine Maintenance hours (Litter pickup):	176
Total El Dorado Park hours (Litter pickup, and custodial).	293
Total Tree Farm hours (Litter pick up custodial and facility).	63
Total Los Cerritos Wetlands hours (Litter pickup and vegetation removal)	211
Special Cleanups: City clean-ups, graffiti paint-out	1,292
Total hours for the month of June	2,107
Work Orders Completed by Maintenance & Development Bureau	540
Restrooms cleaned daily	172
Facilities cleaned and stocked daily	28

Park acres maintained:

Park turf	814
Park landscape	3,120
Street (medians) turf	53
Street landscape	212

Water Use for May 2016

Parks and Street Island Potable	22,654 ccf	\$86,329
Parks and Street Island Reclaimed	36,471 ccf	\$64,536

Tennis Program Update



The first week of the Junior Summer Tennis Camps at Billie Jean King and El Dorado Park Tennis Centers started strongly with many youth playing tennis for the first time. The camps began June 20 and run weekly through August 28.

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) league began in June. The USTA league is a competitive recreational adult tennis league that helps players be a part of a team, get on the court, make new tennis friends and travel to other tennis facilities. Many adult patrons participate in this highly competitive weekend league which consists of doubles and mixed doubles. The competition is exciting, the atmosphere is social and since players compete as teams, there is a built in cheering section.

On June 24, El Dorado Park Tennis Center hosted their Summer Kick-Off Party, Barbecue and Wilson Worldwide Demo Tour. More than 75 attendees enjoyed an evening of music, tasty barbecue provided by Legends Sports Bar, a chance to all work on their game with USTA pros and to try out 2016 Wilson racquets and shoes.

The summer includes Long Beach Tennis' busy SCTA tournament schedule. El Dorado Park Tennis Center hosts these large junior tournaments which included the USTA Girl's 16 National Warm-Up Tournament on July 3, and the upcoming USTA Junior Open for boys and girls, ages 10 to 18 on August 8, and the 32nd Annual Junior Satellite on August 20. The National Warm-Up is a prestigious tournament for young players who travel to Long Beach from across the nation, to represent the future of the sport and who want to take their game to the next level.

Summer tennis classes offered through Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine are attracting many first time participants. These popular classes are taught by our USTA certified tennis pros in Long Beach parks, with the majority of them held at El Dorado Park West.

The Long Beach Tennis pros were active this past school year visiting LBUSD elementary and middle schools during Physical Education classes to teach tennis, and build participation in tennis programs. This effort has resulted in more families inquiring about programs.

Long Beach Tennis teamed up with the Southern California Tennis Association (SCTA) to offer three free tennis clinics and "FUN" tennis play days in June. The SCTA reached out to families who lived within a 10-mile radius of El Dorado Park Tennis Center who have never played. More than 60 people attended each free "FUN" program and enjoyed the on-court instruction, pizza and prizes.

Long Beach Tennis continues to offer special events and programming for juniors and adults at Billie Jean King and El Dorado Park Tennis Centers and is looking forward to a summer filled with fun for all our patrons.

Parks, Recreation and Marine Tennis Courts

Billie Jean King Tennis Center	1040 Park Ave.	8 Lighted Courts, Pro Shop, \$8-13 /hr.	438.8509
Cherry Park	1901 E. 45 th St.	Free Lighted Courts	570.1615
College Estates Park	808 Stevely Ave.	Free Unlighted Courts	570.1617
DeForest Park	6255 DeForest Ave.	Free Lighted Courts	570.1620
Drake Park	951 Maine Ave.	Free Lighted Courts	570.1625
El Dorado Tennis Center	2800 Studebaker Rd.	15 Lighted Courts, Pro Shop, \$8-16 / hr.	425.0553
Heartwell Park	5801 Parkcrest Ave.	Free Unlighted Courts	570.1535
Houghton Park	6301 Myrtle Ave.	Free Lighted Courts	570.1640
Los Cerritos Park	3750 Del Mar Ave.	Free Lighted Courts	570.1725
Marina Vista Park	Colorado and Santiago	Free Lighted Courts	570.1725
Ramona Park	3301 E. 65 th St. Free	Free Lighted Courts	570.1665
Scherer Park	4600 Long Beach Blvd.	Free Lighted Courts	570.1674
Silverado Park	1545 W. 31 st St.	Free Lighted Courts	570.1675
Somerset Park	1500 E. Carson	Free Lighted Courts	570.1690
Veterans Park	101 E. 28 th St.	Free Lighted Courts	570.1695

JULY - AUGUST 2016 CALENDAR

July

Fri. 15	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Movie in the Park: Hotel Transylvania 2	El Dorado Park College Estates Park
Sat. 16	10 a.m.	LB Sea Festival – Love Long Beach Festival	Granada Beach
Sun. 17	10 a.m.	LB Sea Festival – Love Long Beach Festival	Granada Beach
Mon. 18	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Goosebumps	Grace Park
Tue. 19	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band	Bluff Park
Wed. 20	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Movie in the Park: Goosebumps	Los Cerritos Park Orizaba Park
Th. 21	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band	Marine Stadium
Fri. 22	6:30 p.m. 7 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Concert: Shoreline Symphonic Winds Movie in the Park: Goosebumps	El Dorado Park Stearns Champions Park Stearns Champions Park
Sun. 24	5:30 p.m.	Concert: Ray Goren & Generation Blues	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 25	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Norm of the North	Drake Park
Tue. 26	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band	Bluff Park
Wed. 27	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Movie in the Park: Norm of the North	Los Cerritos Park Drake Park
Th. 28	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band	Marine Stadium
Fri. 29	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Movie in the Park; Norm of the North	El Dorado Park Scherer Park

August

Mon. 1	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Inside Out	Ramona Park
Tue. 2	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Drake Park
Wed. 3	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movie in the Park: Inside Out	Los Cerritos Park Admiral Kidd Park
Th. 4	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
Fri. 5	8 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m. 8 p.m.	LB Sea Festival Kids Fishing Rodeo Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Shoreline Symphonic Winds Concert Movie in the Park: Inside Out	Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier El Dorado Park West Wardlow Park Wardlow Park
Sat. 6	8 a.m.	LB Sea Festival ARP Long Beach Sprint Nationals	Marine Stadium
Sun. 7	8 a.m.	LB Sea Festival ARP Long Beach Sprint Nationals	Marine Stadium
Mon. 8	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Zootopia	McBride Park
Wed. 10	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Zootopia	Somerset Park
Fri. 12	7 p.m. 8 p.m.	Shoreline Symphonic Winds Concert Movie in the Park: Zootopia	Houghton Park Houghton Park
Sat. 13	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Zootopia	LB Animal Care Services
Sun. 14	9 a.m.	LB Sea Festival Sand Sculpture Classic	Granada Beach
Mon. 15	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: The Good Dinosaur	Signal Hill Park
Tue. 16	8 p.m.	LB Sea Festival Movie on the Beach Toy Story	Granada Beach
Wed. 17	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: The Good Dinosaur	Coolidge Park
Fri. 19	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Community Concert with Knyght Ryder Movie in the Park: The Good Dinosaur	El Dorado Park West Silverado Park
Sat. 20	7 a.m.	LB Sea Festival Tiki Beach Festival	Granada Beach
Sun. 21	7 a.m.	LB Sea Festival Tiki Beach Festival	Granada Beach
Mon. 22	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Davenport Park
Tue. 23	8 p.m.	LB Sea Festival Movie on the Beach Inside Out	Granada Beach
Wed. 24	7 p.m. 8 p.m.	Shoreline Symphonic Winds Concert Movie in the Park: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Pan American Park Pan American Park
Fri. 26	6 p.m.	100 Days of Summer Finale Concert with Pop Vinyl	Marine Stadium
Tue. 30	8 p.m.	Movie on the Beach Star Wars the Force Awakens	Granada Beach

*Call for registration and fee information.



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