

We Create Community



Pop Vinyl Concert Concludes the “100 Days of Summer”



Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine wound down the “100 Days of Summer” in Long Beach with a free concert by Pop Vinyl on August 26 at Marine Stadium.

The evening featured a Kids’ Zone with moon bounces, face painting, balloon animals and other fun activities. The Greasy Weiner, MIB Pizza and Blast Ice Cream food trucks served up delicious fare and made dinner planning easy for concert goers.



Pop Vinyl, known as Southern California’s number one dance band, played high energy ‘70s, ‘80s, and ‘90s tunes in a nonstop DJ style that had the crowd singing, dancing and having a great time all evening.

For the seventh year in a row, Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine and the Long Beach Convention and Visitor’s Bureau teamed up to offer www.100daysofsummer.org, a searchable calendar of free concerts and movies, Long Beach Sea Festival events, El Dorado Nature Center and-historic site events, and ideas for spontaneous fun like hiking, biking, golf, tennis, swimming, and youth and teen programs that encouraged residents to “stay and play in Long Beach from Memorial Day to Labor Day.



2,000 Plus PRM Kids Hit the Beach for All-City Beach Day

Parks, Recreation and Marine Summer Fun Day and Summer Day Camp program youth and staff had a great time at All-City Beach Day on August 12 at Claremont Beach.

This annual event is a highlight of the summer for over 2,000 kids to experience a fantastic day at the beach. The hardworking LBPRM Community Recreation Services staff organized them all, feed them over 600 pizzas, and coordinated staff from the Los Angeles Kings hockey team who led games and distributed giveaways. The Long Beach Lifeguards added excitement with spray from their rescue boat.

The Marine Bureau Beach Maintenance Division handled the preparation and building of the wildly popular berms, for kids to show off their climbing and sliding skills. The staff also made sure that the beach and the restrooms were ready for the organized chaos. Many staff from the Business Operations Bureau also helped with the event.



Aquatics Program Kids Show Off Skills

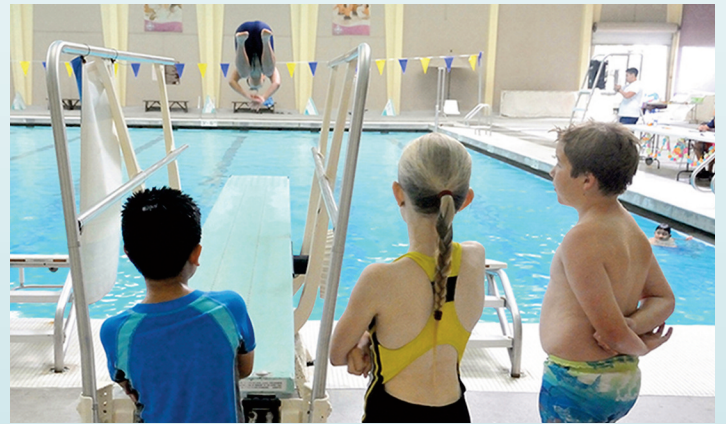


Each summer, hundreds of Long Beach youth develop their appreciation of water sports and swimming skills in LBPRM aquatic programs. After weeks of fun and practice, the youth compete in events that showcase their skills.

Eight-week swim and dive team programs for ages 7-17 were held at all three City pools and a dive team was offered at Silverado Park Pool. The Richard R. Miller Novice Swim meet was held on July 30 at Belmont Plaza Pool with 147 youth each competing in up to three events including 25 to 100 yard swims with butterfly, backstroke, freestyle, breaststroke, and individual medley. The Richard R. Miller Novice Dive meet was held on July 31 at Silverado Park Pool with 22 competitors. The top swim and dive team performers qualified to advance in LA84 Swim events.

Young sailing enthusiasts ages 8-18 participated in the annual Sabot Regatta on August 12 at Leeway Sailing Center. The youth competed in sabot racing to show off their skills honed over the summer and had a great time.

A tradition in Long Beach for over 60 years, the Long Beach Model Boat Shop at Colorado Lagoon is open to youngsters seven years or older, who are interested in learning to make small, wooden boats. At the end of an eight-week class, the youth entered their creations in the annual Clyde W. Ellerman Memorial Model Boat Regatta on August 5 and engaged in spirited competition.



Belmont Pool Youth Make a Splash with U.S. Olympians

On August 2 youth at Belmont Pool enjoyed swimming activity with two United States Olympians, Jessica Hardy and Jason Lezak, as part of the United States Swimming Foundation's Make A Splash program to promote youth swimming.

Hardy, a London games gold medal winner, and Lezak, a four-time gold medal Olympian, demonstrated floating, submerging, gliding, freestyle and backstroke. Each child went home with an event gold medal, a swim cap, goggles and a beach towel.



El Dorado Nature Center Bridge and Entryway Improvements



Visitors to El Dorado Nature Center can look forward to some new amenities in 2017. Work began at the end of August to replace the entry bridge and construct a new entry plaza. The work is another phase in completing the El Dorado Nature Center Master Plan. Phase One renovated the half-mile-long stream and replaced five pedestrian bridges in 2010. Phase two of the Master Plan, included habitat restoration, trail reinforcement at priority locations, and replacement of the pedestrian bridge that links the island to the trails.

Phase three, underway now, will replace the bridge that links the Nature Center entry to the island and will be similar to other new bridges installed throughout the site. A new amphitheater with seating for 80 will be built, the walk-

ways and entry gate will be redesigned, and a new children's exploration area will be created. The project is estimated to be completed in March, 2017.

The project is being paid for with a combination of California Proposition 84 funding through the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and Council District 4 Discretionary Funds.

During construction a temporary entrance will be located through the service gate leading to the quarter-mile trail. The gate is off the north road that leads to the Spring Street underpass to El Dorado Regional Park. That road will be restriped for one-way access and parallel parking on the right side. Patrons wishing to leave will need to drive under Spring and exit through Gate Two on the Regional Park side. The entrance to the Nature Center from the Regional Park will be blocked.

The building and all trails will be open as usual for the entirety of the project, barring unforeseen circumstances.

For more information about the construction project, contact Sharon Gates, Administrative Analyst in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, at 562.570.3124 or email at sharon.gates@longbeach.gov

For questions about accessing El Dorado Nature Center and Nature Center programs, call 562.570.1745.



2016 California Coastal Cleanup Day

Saturday, September 17, 2016 - 9 a.m. – Noon

Take an active role in keeping Long Beach's coastline clean and healthy. Cleanups will take place at Alamitos Bay, Belmont Pier, Bluff Park, Sea Scout Base, Cherry Beach and the Peninsula

For more information and group registration, call 562.570.4876.

By the Numbers:

Community Recreation Services - July 2016

Permits to Gather	234
Reserved Picnic Sites	51
Number of Contract Classes	212
Facility Use Permits Issued	55
Field Use Permits Issued	41
Adult Sports League Participants	5,936
Visits to City / City Operated LBUSD Pools	48,854
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	16,287
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes	579
Youth and Teen Participants	71,111
Senior Citizen Participants	34,722
Visits to the El Dorado Nature Center	20,988

Youth Sports Teen Leagues Return

This summer the second season of a pilot program for teen youth sports leagues had 80 teens continuing their involvement in LBPRM recreational sports leagues. Teens born in 1999-2001 played and benefitted from coaches and staff who stressed sportsmanship, fundamentals, wellness, and perseverance. The program focused on mentoring and volunteering that provided valuable skills for the teens to reference on college and job applications.

Each site was assigned a college program; Chavez with Duke University, King with UCLA, Houghton with Princeton University, McBride with the University of Kentucky, Freeman with Pepperdine University, and Silverado with Stanford University. The teens represented their parks and their college to build interest in higher education.

Angela Kozik of Youth Sports coordinated the program and worked with Teen Center Supervisors Heidi Mazas, Chavez Park; Sherlyn Beatty, Freeman Center; Tony Pope, Silverado Park; Toni Forde-Hixon, M.L. King Jr. Park; Kevin Paimany, McBride Park; and Kameron Talavera, Houghton Park to form a strong program.

Manny O'Dell, Rec. Ldr., Chavez Park supported each game night. Staff hopes to include teens in the youth sports calendar in 2017.



Houghton Park



M.L. King Jr. Park



McBride Park



Silverado Park



Chavez Park



Freeman Community

Know Your Long Beach Parks - Ed “Pops” Davenport Park

The 11.5-acre Davenport Park is located on 2910 East 55th Way, east of Paramount Boulevard, between Candlewood Street and South Street. The park was named in memory of Long Beach Police Officer Corporal Ed “Pops” Davenport, a man that made a positive difference in the City of Long Beach during his 40-year career. The park amenities include a playground, sports field, tot lot and two half-court basketball courts.

This park was the site of a Long Beach landfill until 1947 when it was developed for industrial uses. The condition of the land caused buildings to settle and many lots were condemned or abandoned. The former Long Beach Redevelopment Agency acquired the northern 5.92-acre section of the land in 2001 for development as a park.

After landfill was closed, construction began. A grand opening celebration was held on August 26, 2006. Improvements included a multi-use field, two half-court basketball courts, play equipment, walking trail, picnic area, restroom and parking lot. The park’s development was also mitigation for the Police Station built in Scherer Park in 2004, a park restricted to open space use by prior receipt of federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.

On April 24, 2006, the Redevelopment Agency acquired 5.6-acres of former landfill to the west of the existing park with North Long Beach Project Area funds for the purpose of eventually extending the park to Paramount Blvd.



Mayor Garcia Helps Conclude Municipal Band’s 107th Season



From June 28 through August 5 residents enjoyed a summer tradition in Long Beach, free outdoor concerts by the Long Beach Municipal Band.

Each week the band featured a different musical theme from patriotic music, dance, jazz, music from Broadway theater productions, Latin sounds and all types of opera. Talented guest vocalists included Barbara Morrison, Derek Bordeaux, Nicole Kubis, Meloney Collins, Tony Galla, and guest performer Jennifer Lynn on the electric violin closed each concert with the Band’s studio ensemble.

During the last week Mayor Robert Garcia conducted a song at each concert to show his support for the Friends of the Long Beach Municipal Band and other community members for their efforts to raise money to add a sixth week of concerts this year. Mayor Garcia is also proposing that a sixth week be added to the budget for 2017.

ACS Movie in the Park Connects People and Animals



Long Beach Animal Care Services hosted their first Movie in the Park event on August 13.

Dozens of families not only enjoyed the free screening of "Zootopia," but were able to become familiar with the Animal Shelter. Community Recreation Services staff handled the movie event and several Animal Care Services staff members worked late to allow residents an opportunity to walk through the kennels and check out adoptable animals!

Animal Care Services will definitely be a Movie in the Park venue in 2017.

Tree Removals Support Safe Parks



In August, Parks, Recreation and Marine Grounds Maintenance staff worked with the City's tree maintenance contractor to remove dead and dying trees in parks that had become prone to toppling

over or limbs falling. The initial sites for tree removal included Wardlow, Ramona, Bixby, Hudson and Admiral Kidd parks. The goal of removals is to ensure the public's safety and support the growth of healthy trees.

Many trees at City parks are nearing the end of their life cycle. The severe, multi-year drought, bark beetle infestation and warmer temperatures have led to accelerated levels of trees dying.

"We are always saddened to see any of our beloved trees removed, but as these specific trees die and pose a significant safety risk, our priority is to ensure that our parks are safe and the rest of our trees are as healthy as possible," said Marie Knight, Director of Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (LBPRM).

In recent months tree or limb failure has occurred in almost every City park, with a high concentration in El Dorado Regional, Heartwell, Wardlow and Houghton Parks. In addition to removing dead trees for safety reasons, removing trees expired from infestation helps to prevent healthy trees from being infected. The City will complete the tree removals by January so as not to interfere with the nesting season of many bird species.

The City is dedicated to ensuring that all trees in City parks enjoy a long and healthy life. A replacement plan for the trees, utilizing best practices, will be developed as the ongoing drought conditions continue.

By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations Bureau August 2016

Community Service Workers Program

Total number of persons enrolled for August: 286

Total number of hours worked at Queensway Bay: 61
(Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup)

Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance: 172
(Litter pickup along beach areas, parking lots, Belmont Pool area, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula area and maintenance yard)

Total number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance: 633
(Litter pickup around various sites including Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and assist with custodial work)

Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas: 468
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)

Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm: 52
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility)

Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands: 300
(Litter pickup and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon and other Various Wetlands)

Total number of hours worked at special clean-ups: 1,220
(Neighborhood clean-ups and events, graffiti paint-outs)

Total number of CSW hours for August 2016

Work orders completed: 637

Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis bureau wide: 172

Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily: 28

Park turf acres maintained: 814

Park landscape acres maintained: 3,120

Street (medians) turf acres maintained: 53

Street landscape acres maintained: 212

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

Sat. 10	9:30 a.m. 10 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Low Cost Vaccination and Licensing Clinic *Fall Volunteer Opportunity Meeting Low Cost Vaccination and Licensing Clinic Greenbelt Heights Project Opening and Festival	Admiral Kidd Park Rancho Los Cerritos Silverado Park Roswell between E. 7th & E. 8th
Sun. 11	8 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Audubon Bird Walk *Lecture Bridging Communities A Measure of Success	El Dorado Nature Center Rancho Los Alamitos
Mon. 12	Varies	*New Mon./Wed. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
Tue. 13	Varies 7 p.m.	*New Tue./Th. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin *Family Nightlife Walk (Must Pre-Register)	Belmont Plaza Pool El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 14	9:30 a.m.	*8-week School Docent Training Begins	Rancho Los Cerritos
Th. 15	9 a.m. 4 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Low Cost Vaccination Clinic	El Dorado Senior Center Scherer Park
Sat. 17	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	California Coastal Cleanup Day Low Cost Vaccination and Licensing Clinic	Call 562.570.4876 Signal Hill Park
Wed. 21	9 a.m.	Senior Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
Sun. 25:	4:30 p.m.	*Gala (Dinner. Entertainment. Auction)	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 26:	Varies	*New Mon./Wed. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 27	Varies 4 p.m.	*New Tue./Th. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin *Teen Volunteer Opportunity Meeting	King Park Pool Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 28	6 p.m.	Commission on Youth and Children Meeting	2760 Studebaker Rd.

October

Sat. 1	9:30 a.m. 10 a.m. 1 p.m.	*Docent Training – Historic Home *First Saturday Stewards Cleanup Creation Station Youth Art Program	Rancho Los Cerritos El Dorado Nature Center Rancho Los Cerritos
Th. 6	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 8	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	California Native Plant Sale Low Cost Pet Licensing and Vaccination Clinic Low Cost Pet Licensing and Vaccination Clinic	El Dorado Nature Center Rose Park Stearns Champions Park
Sun. 9	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 10	Varies	*New Mon./Wed. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
Tue. 11	Varies 7 p.m.	*New Tue./Th. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin *Family Nightlife Walk (Must Pre-Register)	Belmont Plaza Pool El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 13	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Yacht Club
Sat. 15	10 a.m.	*Wetland Warrior Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
Sun. 16	1:30 p.m.	*"Science & Humanities, A Meeting of Minds" Lecture	Rancho Los Alamitos
Wed. 19	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission	Long Beach Senior Center
Th. 20	9 a.m. 4 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic	El Dorado Senior Center Scherer Park
Mon. 24	Varies	*New Mon./Wed. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 25	Varies	*New Tue./Th. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	King Park Pool
Sat. 29	Varies	*New Saturday Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	King and Silverado Park Pools
Sun. 30	12 p.m.	Children's Fall Harvest Festival	Rancho Los Alamitos
Mon. 31		Winter "Recreation Connection" class registration brochure published	

*Call for registration and fee information.



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