

# We Create Community



## Be S.A.F.E. Program - Award of Excellence Winner



Parks, Recreation and Marine's Be S.A.F.E. program (Summer Activities in a Friendly Environment) was named an "Award of Excellence" winner in the category of Neighborhood Building in the annual California Park & Recreation Society's (CPRS) Awards program. The awards recognize outstanding achievements by agencies in community improvements and programming, facility design and park planning, marketing, and leadership.



Parks, Recreation & Marine Director Marie Knight and LBPRM's Maintenance Operations Manager Hurley Owens accepted the award at the CPRS state conference in Sacramento on March 3. "This is a wonderful acknowledgment by LBPRM's peers about the work we are doing to keep our kids and community safe," Knight said.

Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, said, "The Be S.A.F.E. program is a critical

component of the City's Safe Long Beach Initiative and healthy active lifestyle goals. By keeping selected parks activated in the evening hours, families have positive and

safe activities to enjoy together and social connections in the neighborhood grow stronger."

Be S.A.F.E. helps to reduce crime in neighborhoods by of-



fering evening supervision hours at designated parks during the summer, and employing neighborhood youth. Be SAFE offers arts and crafts, outdoor games, sports, science activities, dance programs, classes in fitness, cooking, gardening and flower arranging, and computer labs that appeal to youth and families.

In 2016, the program ran from June 20 through August 26 at Admiral Kidd, Drake, Houghton, M. L. King Jr., Seaside, Scherer, and Silverado Parks and served over 50,000 youth and adults. Thanks to enhanced support in FY 2017, Bixby, Pan American, Orizaba, and Ramona Parks will be added sites in summer 2017.



## LBPRM Staff Handle Major Storm Challenges



Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine (LBPRM) staff had “can do” attitudes on February 17, when another major storm moved through the City with high winds and 2.77 inches of rain that caused

dozens of trees to fall in parks, and even more limbs and branches to fly loose.

These conditions led to public safety concerns and the closure of all City parks including El Dorado Regional Park and El Dorado Nature Center for the duration of the day. **Community Recreation Services** staff kept indoor after-school programs open until every child was picked up by their parent or guardian. Due to the weather, classes at Leeway Sailing Center were cancelled.

The LBPRM team did everything they could to prepare for the storm including maintaining sand berms, installing debris booms to prevent trash from entering the marina areas, maintaining storm run-off culverts on the beaches, and deploying additional staff. **Facility Maintenance** staff dealt with leaks at multiple sites, **Grounds Maintenance** got out their chainsaws to clear roads and paths of fallen trees, while **Marine and Beach Maintenance** tackled the job of fortifying stretches of beach and flooded areas



The Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier was closed when two 40' docks broke away. After a structural engineering analysis was completed, the pier reopened on March 7.



around parking lots and paths, and coordinating an effort with Long Beach Fire Marine Safety to float off a 110' barge that came loose and landed on the beach.

The **Marine Bureau** was vigilant in advising boat owners to secure their vessels in marinas, and **Animal Care Services** reminded residents to keep their pets safely inside or sheltered during the storm.

For information about LBPRM programs, and updates about the condition of the parks and beaches during storms, visit [www.LBParks.org](http://www.LBParks.org), [www.facebook.com/LongBeachParks](https://www.facebook.com/LongBeachParks), and [twitter.com/LongBeachParks](https://twitter.com/LongBeachParks).

### By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations Bureau - February 2017

#### Community Service Workers (CSW) program

Total number of persons enrolled in the program for February.....149

Total number of CSW Hours for February.....1905

Total number of hours worked at Queensway Bay.....0  
(Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup)

Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance.....185  
(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.....240  
(Litter pickup at Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and custodial work)

Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas.....474  
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)

Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm.....48  
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility)

Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands.....242  
(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.....716  
(Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs and community events)

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

Work orders completed.....375  
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis bureau wide.....172  
Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily.....28

#### Park acres maintained

Park turf.....814  
Park landscape.....2,310  
Street (medians) turf.....53  
Street landscape.....143

#### Water Use:

MOB GP105 Water cost & Consumption for December

Parks and Street Island Potable.....9,039.....\$53,291

Parks and Street Island Reclaimed.....4,636.....\$14,725



## LB Senior Center's Prime Time Players Honored



On February 14, the Long Beach Senior Center's "Prime Time Players" (PTP) were recognized by the Long Beach City Council for their 20 years of providing free quality entertainment to the greater Long Beach area.

The group, comprised of seniors ages 55 to 97, stages three shows per year that are usually written, performed and directed by company members. PTP has produced 59 shows since 1997, with an emphasis on musical and

comedy works. Their base of operations is the Long Beach Senior Center at 1150 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. They have also performed at Silverado and El Dorado Park Senior Centers, the Long Beach Expo Arts Center, Alpert Jewish Community Center, Ability First, Weingart YMCA and Seal Beach Leisure World.

Second District City Councilmember Jeannine Pearce began the presentation by noting that "Certain institutions within the community such as the Prime Time Players stand for the spirit and heart of that community. The Primetime Players entertain at senior centers and organizations throughout the greater Long Beach community."

PTP welcomes all participants with previous theater experience or those who have only recently been bit by the acting bug. Members can act, direct or work behind the scenes at whatever level they wish. Visit [www.primetime-players.org](http://www.primetime-players.org) for more information on getting involved or for show times and locations.

## Valentine's Day Fun at LB Senior Center

Seniors at the Long Beach Senior Center enjoyed a Valentine's Day Celebration on February 10. The event featured crafts, games and cookie decorating in the morning, and live entertainment in the afternoon followed by yummy holiday refreshments!



### By the Numbers:

### Community Recreation Services January 2017

Permits to Gather.....	27
Reserved Picnic Sites.....	3
Number of Contract Classes.....	265
Facility Use Permits Issued.....	64
Field Use Permits Issues.....	67
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes.....	518
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries.....	5,705
Adult Sports League Participants.....	3,930
Visits to City Pools.....	11,236
Youth and Teen Participants.....	36,463
Senior Citizen Participants.....	31,731
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center.....	20,382

## Spring Youth Soccer Classes



LBPRM's soccer classes introduce children to the game and hone the skills of youth with playing experience. Visit [www.lb-parks.org](http://www.lb-parks.org) for days, times, and registration.

Ages 2-5 will learn sportsmanship and teamwork in "**Biddy Soccer League**."

The first meeting of the six-week class (April 21-May 26) is practice and team formation, then games played all other weeks. Class held at Bixby Knolls Park. \$85.

"**Parent and Me Soccer**" gets mom and dad in on the action with their 2-3 year old with fun activities that help develop motor and social skills. Eight-week class, April 7 or 8 to May 26 or June 3 (no class May 27). Class held at El Dorado Park West or College Estates Park. \$112.

"**Pre Soccer**" teaches basic techniques and builds self-es-

team with fun soccer activities for ages 4-5. Eight-week class, April 7 or 8 to May 26 or June 3 (no class May 27). Class held at El Dorado West or College Estates Park. \$112.

"**Tot Soccer**" encourages large motor skill development in ages 3-6 through fun soccer games. Eight-week class, April 7 or 8 to May 26 or June 3 (no class May 27). Class held at El Dorado Park West or College Estates Park. \$112.

**Soccer 1 – Techniques & Teamwork** teaches ages 5-6 dribbling, passing, receiving, and shooting. Skill games are played each session. Eight-week class, April 7 or 8 to May 26 or June 3 (no class May 27). Class held at El Dorado Park West or College Estates Park. \$112.

**Soccer 2 - Skillz & Scrimmages** advances skills in dribbling, passing and shooting in a team play format for ages 7-10. Eight week class (April 8- June 3 (no class May 27) includes scrimmages that emphasize finer technical points. Class held at College Estates Park. \$112.

## Youth Indoor Soccer Leagues

**Coed Soccer for ages 5-8**  
(Born 2009-2012)

**Boys Soccer for Ages 9-14**  
(Born 2003-2008)

**Girls Soccer for Ages 9-14**  
(Born 2003-2008)

**PLEASE CALL YOUR  
LOCAL PARK TO SIGN UP:**

**SIGN-UPS BEGIN MARCH 1, 2017**

**FREE**

**SEASON BEGINS APRIL 15, 2017**



Admiral Kidd	570-1600
Bixby	570-1601
Chavez	570-8890
Cherry	570-1615
College Estates	570-1617
Coolidge	570-1618
Davenport	570-1665
DeForest	577-1620
Drake	570-1625

El Dorado West	570-3225
Freeman	570-8688
Houghton	570-1640
King	570-4405
Mc Bride	570-1605
Miracle	619-5392
Orizaba	570-1427
Pan American	570-1660

Ramona	570-1665
Scherer	570-1674
Seaside	572-5126
Silverado	570-1675
Somerset	570-8915
Stearns Champions	570-1685
Veterans	570-1695
Wardlow	570-1705
Whaley	570-1710

**Indoor Soccer Season Dates: Saturdays April 15, 2017 - May 20, 2017**

For more information, check out [www.teamsideline.com/longbeach](http://www.teamsideline.com/longbeach)



## Know Your Long Beach Parks: Grace Park



Grace Park, located at the corner of Elm Avenue and Plymouth Street in north Long Beach opened to the public on May 20, 2006. The 1.2-acre park offers a picnic area, playground, benches, pathways and a small community garden adjacent to the park on the east side of Elm Street. The park is a community hub for events and activities such as Movies in the Park, National Night Out events and the U.S.D.A. Summer Food Service program.



The park was named Grace Park by the Long Beach City Council to recognize the use of the site as a church from 1930 to 2000, and to honor

Grace Olive Wiley who lived nearby at 34 Market Street from 1939 to 1946. Ms. Wiley was a nationally known herpetologist (scientific study of reptiles and amphibians) and a curator of the Museum of Natural History of the Minneapolis Public Library for 13 years before coming to Long Beach.



2002; and City of Long Beach Park Impact Fees.



### Preschool in Nature Program Sparks Curiosity



The El Dorado Nature Center Preschool in Nature program will enrich a sense of wonder, independence, and love of learning in children ages 3-5 in a unique, interactive, natural setting.

Through music, movement, art, stories, and explorative science activities, the fun sessions will help nurture curiosity, creativity, and social skills. This is a drop off class. Children must be potty-trained. Each session consists of eight classes held twice per week from 10-11:30 a.m. The session cost is \$100. Pre-registration is required. Visit [www.lbparcs.org](http://www.lbparcs.org) to register.

### Spring in Blooming Colors:

21046 March 21 - April 13 (8 classes. Tuesday/Thursday)

21047 March 22 - April 14 (8 classes. Wednesday/Friday)

### Leeway Sailing Center - Spring Sailing Camp



Leeway Sailing Center's Spring Sailing Camp for ages 5-12, will include sailing, canoeing, kayaking, crafts, games and an excursion to the Aquarium of the Pacific. The

camp will be held April 17-April 21 at Leeway Sailing Center from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The camp cost is \$155. Extended Day Care is offered for \$25 per week for morning care (7 - 9 a.m.) and \$25 per week for afternoon care (3 – 6 p.m.) The staff to camper ratio is 1:8. All staff are trained lifeguards certified in First Aid and CPR

Register online at [www.LBParks.org](http://www.LBParks.org) beginning March 6 or in person at the Aquatics Camps Office, 4320 Olympic Plaza or Recreation Administration Office, 2760 N. Studebaker Road by appointment only. For questions, call the Aquatics Camps Office at (562) 570-1888.

## ACS Update: Kitten Season is Coming



With kitten season coming up, the non-profit Little Lion Foundation wants to engage the community in caring for orphaned kittens. They specialize in orphaned bottle baby kittens, feral and cats/kittens in danger at shelters. Kitten Care kits will be provided to those who foster by Helen Sanders of CatPAWS (Cat Protective and Welfare Society). Call 562.570.7387 for information.

Here are steps that Little Lion recommends for helping the kittens in our community:

**Adopt** - Adopting an animal from a local shelter or rescue adds a new furry family member, and opens up space for new animals to be saved.

**Foster** - Foster families help groom kittens for their perfect forever family. Visit [www.littlelionfoundation.org](http://www.littlelionfoundation.org) for information on becoming a foster parent

**Sponsor** – Sponsor a cat for just \$40 a month, which covers food and litter for one month. You'll also get weekly updates and pictures of your kitten.

**Donate** - Donations pay for combo tests, vaccinations, microchips, spay/neuter, and other medical care. Go to [TheLittleLionFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:TheLittleLionFoundation@gmail.com)/Paypal or click on the 'Emergency Fund' link on the home page.

**Share** - Every share means more people are seeing fundraising efforts and more people will want to help out.

## Employee of the Month: Richard Hixson



Congratulations to Community Information Specialist Richard Hixson for being named "Employee of the Month" for January 2017. Richard is a valuable member of the Department team, and helps all LBPRM bureaus get the word out on their programs, services and special events.

Richard began with the Department in 1990 when the work environment included waxers, rubylith film, blue line boards, Exacto blades and start cameras. Even though Richard spearheaded bringing the Community Information Division into today's high tech world, he is a proponent of old fashioned creativity and customer service. He has a "can do" attitude and works with staff to come up with visual solutions for their communication needs. He always turns out great looking, effective materials. He is a big help to his coworkers by offering technical advice for software and production issues.

Richard has been instrumental in the success of various CPRS conferences, and assisting with requests from the City Council and City Manager's offices. He recently developed a new Department budget handout that was provided to the community at each of the FY 2017 Community Budget Meetings. From editing the words on water conservation signs to wrapping mobile vans, and making sure artwork is ready for production, he helps staff to let the public know what the "PRM Way" is all about.



spay neuter project of los angeles

**LOW COST PET CLINIC**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY**  
**4 PM - 7 PM**  
**VACCINES & MICROCHIPS**  
**FLEA TICK CONTROL**  
**NAIL TRIMS**

**1 TOO MANY**

[www.snpla.org](http://www.snpla.org) (310)574-5555

**Uptown Dog Park at Scherer Park**  
**4600 Long Beach Blvd.**

PRIME LOCATION! - AFFORDABLE - FREEWAYS NEARBY - QUICK TO CATALINA

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COULD BE YOURS!**

**SLIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE  
IN LONG BEACH MARINAS**

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Availability subject to  
weather, tide and slip  
location.  
Wait lists are required  
in some situations.

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PARIS, RECREATION & MARINE**



## Tennis Concession Update

Although the 2017 tennis calendars at Billie Jean King (BJK) and El Dorado Park Tennis (EDT) Centers have been challenging due to the rainstorms this year, with creative schedule juggling, all the planned special tennis events and programs took place successfully.

In the second week of January, El Dorado Park Tennis Center hosted the nine-day USTA Long Beach Pro Circuit Futures Tennis Tournament. Numerous fans and spectators came out to support the up and coming Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) players from around the world, who are the future of the ATP Men's tennis tour.

EDT hosted two new National Junior Tennis tournaments awarded by the USTA Junior Competition Committee to Cathy Jacobson-Guzy and First Serve Tennis, Inc. for 2017. The Boys & Girls 16 USTA National Level 2 tournament ran from February 10-13. The boys #1 seed was ranked 13th nationally and the girls #1 seed was ranked 41st. These high-level junior players are striving for college scholarships or will turn to professional tennis in a few years. First Serve looks forward to hosting again in 2018.

On February 19, First Serve Tennis organized the Long Beach Tennis Patrons Boy's JV Tennis Clinic & Round Robin at EDT. This annual event was open to local high school potential JV tennis players. The afternoon started with a 90-minute tennis clinic where EDT's USPTA certified tennis pro's worked on fine-tuning the player's basic

skills. A two-hour round robin tournament followed that gave the participants some competitive match play experience prior to the start of their regular season.

Despite rescheduling due to rain, the adult USTA League played their matches. The competition is always exciting, the atmosphere is social and with the players competing as teams, they have fun cheering on their fellow teammates during the matches

The BJK Tennis Center hosted Wilson Demo Day on February 25. This was a fun, family friendly evening on the courts where players young and old enjoyed games and great prizes. This social tennis event allowed players and their families to try new 2017 Wilson racquets and shoes.

In February, EDTC and BJK were two of six tournament sites for the 60th Annual Long Beach Junior Tournament (Level 3) designated tournament. This historic and prestigious tournament includes over 600 boys and girls from ages 10 to 18 from Southern California cities.

BJK Tennis pro Richard Nguyen fielded two teams in the USTA Junior Team Tennis Fall/Winter season. In the 10 & under Intermediate Division, Team True GRIT placed first in the LA/South Bay/Long Beach region with an undefeated 6-0 record, and qualified for the Southern California Sectionals. Team Tough GRIT, a 14 & under Novice team, also competed in the LA/South Bay/Long Beach region. This Spring/Summer, Richard will add Team Pure GRIT to the 10 & under Advanced division.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## March

Sun. 12	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 13	Varies	Four-week M/W Swim Lessons Begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
Tue. 14	Varies	Four-week T/Th Swim Lessons Begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
	7 p.m.	* Family Nightlife Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 15	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission	Long Beach Senior Center
	10 a.m.	Parent & Me Workshop: Little Leprechauns	El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 16	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission	El Dorado Senior Center
Fri. 17		St. Patrick's Day	
Sat. 18	10 a.m.	* Wetland Warriors Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
	10 a.m.	Opening Celebration - Marina Vista Sports Court	5355 Eliot Avenue
Tue. 21	10 a.m.	* Preschool in Nature Classes Begin	El Dorado Nature Center
Sat. 25	10 a.m.	* Lecture - Culinary Historian Richard Foss	Rancho Los Cerritos

## April

Sat. 1:	10 a.m.	First Saturday Stewards Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 3:	Varies	* Four-week M/W Swim Lessons Begin	Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 4:	Varies	* Four-week Tu/Th Swim Lessons Begin	King Park Pool
Th. 6:	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 8:	8 a.m.	* Summer Day Camp Registration Begins On Line	www.lbparks.org
Sun. 9:	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 10:	Varies	* Four-week M/W Swim Lessons Begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
	10 a.m.	* Parent & Me Workshop "Bunny Hop"	El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 11:	Varies	* Four-week T/Th Swim Lessons Begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
	7 p.m.	* Family Nightlife Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 13:	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission	Long Beach Yacht Club
Sat. 15:	10 a.m.	California Coastal Cleanup Day	East of Belmont Pier
Mon. 17:	9 a.m.	* Spring Break Workshop: "Eggstavaganza"	El Dorado Nature Center
	Open Hours	Spring Break Fun Days – Ages 5-12	Citywide Parks
Tue. 18:	9 a.m.	* Spring Break Workshop: "Construction Zone"	El Dorado Nature Center
	Open Hours	Spring Break Fun Days – Ages 5-12	Citywide Parks
Wed. 19:	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission	Long Beach Senior Center
	9 a.m.	* Spring Break Workshop: "Skin, Scales, Feathers"	El Dorado Nature Center
	Open Hours	Spring Break Fun Days – Ages 5-12	Citywide Parks
Th. 20:	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
	9 a.m.	* Spring Break Workshop: "Party at the Pond"	El Dorado Nature Center
	Open Hours	Spring Break Fun Days – Ages 5-12	Citywide Parks
	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic	Scherer Park
Fri. 21:	9 a.m.	* Spring Break Workshop: "Animal Communication"	El Dorado Nature Center
	Open Hours	Spring Break Fun Days – Ages 5-12	Citywide Parks
Tue. 25:	10 a.m.	* Preschool in Nature Classes Begin	El Dorado Nature Center
Sat. 29:	Varies	Eight-week Sat. Swim Lessons Begin	King Park & Silverado Park Pools
	10 a.m.	* Lecture – LA Farming by Rachel Surls and Judith Gerber	Rancho Los Cerritos

\*Call for registration and fee information.



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