

# We Create Community



## Robert Gumbiner Park Grand Opening

A Grand Opening ceremony for Robert Gumbiner Park at 880 East 7th Street was held on April 23.

Mayor Robert Garcia said, “We have invested years into this park to provide much needed recreational open space, a safer environment, and a safer traffic intersection for Long Beach residents.”

The 36,590 square-foot park includes a small performance area, a playground, skate plaza, shade structures, a picnic area and public art pieces donated by the nearby Museum of Latin American Art (MoLAA) and Pacific Island Ethnic Art Museum (PIEAM).

The park’s sustainable design features include recycled pavement, a bioswale that retains and filters storm water, large canopied trees and new green space in a built-out area.

“Gumbiner Park is a game changer for this park-poor area of the city,” said Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez. “This new park will bring people out of their homes to experience new activities such as yoga, the arts, and skateboarding.”

Additional infrastructure improvements to the area include street enhancements and new sidewalks that meet current disabled access regulations. The park will benefit approximately 32,000 residents who live within a half-mile radius.

The park is named for Dr. Robert Gumbiner, a health care pioneer and philanthropist who opened the nearby MoLAA in 1996. Dr. Gumbiner grew his small medical practice into one of the largest HMO’s in the country, FHP International. He insisted that his business “provide the most care to the most people for the least amount of money.” Dr. Gumbiner also founded the PIEAM, opening in October 2010, nearly two years after he died in January 2009 at the age of 85.

The development of the park was made possible through \$2.83 million in funds secured from the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (Prop 84).



*L-R: Councilwoman Lena Gonzales and Mayor Robert Garcia cut the ribbon with park designer Brian Ulaszewski from City Fabrick, members of the Gumbiner family and PRM Director Marie Knight*



# Register Now For Parks, Recreation & Marine Summer Classes



Don't miss all the fun this summer! Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine has exciting recreation classes for all ages. Registration is going on now. Visit [www.lb-parks.org](http://www.lb-parks.org) and try something new. The Summer 'Recreation Connection' describes courses for Art, Dance, Music, Enrichment, Fitness, Sports, and more.

Classes for **preschoolers** include Soccer Camps, Pee Wee Art, dance classes, Sign Language, Spanish, "Fun on the Farm" animal introduction class, Parent and Me Ice Skating, Tee Ball and more.

**Youth** can participate in popular specialty camps. New this year are "Boho Fashionista," arts/crafts and style, Sweet Treats art class, Brixology engineering, Comic Book Claymation, Baby Animals Art Camp, and Introduction to STEM with Legos. There are also camps for robotics, and Harry Potter, Minecraft and DC Comics lovers. Young filmmakers can take camps for stop motion and tricks & effects. B-Ballers Hoops Schools including one taught by Tammy Brawner, the first women to play on the Harlem Globetrotters, will help your player develop skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and defense.

New **Adult** classes include Fashion Makeup: A Two Part Series to help beginners learn a makeup style for every day and more advanced students learn to create a "Glamorous Face" for special events. The PADI Discover SCUBA Diving Course is an introduction to SCUBA and a start to getting your SCUBA certification.

## It's easy to register:

**On Line:** Visit <http://activenet.active.com/lbparks> or follow the link at [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org). Click "request account" button.

**FAX** to 562.570.3113

**Mail:** Send completed form and payment (with address, phone number and class #(s) on check) to City of Long Beach, 2760 Studebaker Rd., Long Beach, Ca 90815

**In person:** Bring completed form and payment to office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. –5 p.m. Office closed May 29. For more information call 562.570.3111.

## PRM Staff Promote the Fun at Beach Streets

PRM staff were part of the fourth Open Street event, *Beach Streets University* on April 29. The team offered a bike decoration station for kids who wanted to ride car-free routes along parts of Atherton Street Bellflower Boulevard, Los Coyotes Diagonal, and Spring Street



L-R: Community Recreation Services Bureau staff Chris Rivera, Stacy Wells, Akil Howell, Heather Eggers, Jaime Deaton. Ruby Castro at Bike Decoration Station.

## By the Numbers:

### Community Recreation Services - March 2017

Permits to Gather.....	75
Reserved Picnic Sites.....	5
Number of Contract Classes.....	256
Facility Use Permits Issued.....	60
Field Use Permits Issues.....	67
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes.....	706
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries.....	8,549
Adult Sports League Participants.....	10,644
Visits to City Pools.....	17,589
Youth and Teen Participants.....	50,906
Senior Citizen Participants.....	19,846
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center.....	30,981



## Measure A - Your Tax Dollars At Work Creating New Safe Places to Play

With the passage of the Measure A ballot initiative in June 2016, Long Beach voters showed support for making their city a great place to live, work and play. Measure A adds a sales tax for the next ten years on retail sales in the City to pay for public safety and infrastructure enhancements.

Out of the estimated \$25.7 million in revenue during the first year, Parks, Recreation and Marine will have \$6,248,000 million allocated to improve parks and Animal Care Services facilities. Among the projects in the first year are five new playgrounds. The new parks will offer ADA improvements compared to the equipment they are replacing and are budgeted at \$700,000 each. Rubberized safety surfacing, shade structures, bike racks, benches, trash cans and signage will make visits to the new playgrounds a comfortable experience. Construction will begin in the fall and completed by December 2017. The five sites are:



### Drake Park

Inspired by the unique historic craftsman homes in the area with abundant native plant gardens, a butterfly theme was selected. The existing playground will be re-

placed with new 2-5 year old and 5-12 year old playground structures, climbing structures and swings.

### Los Cerritos

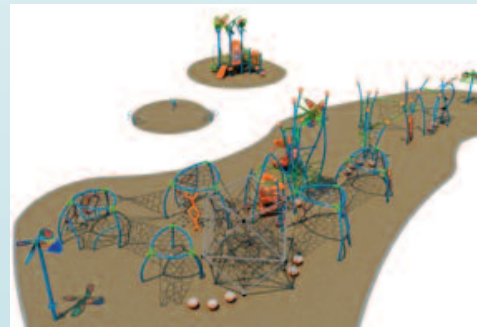
Los Cerritos Park youth will enjoy playing in the tree-house themed equipment that blends well in the heavily wooded park and adjacent neighborhood. A



slope adjacent to playground will be used for embankment slides, climbing structures, and a zip line. The existing playground will be replaced with new 2-5 year old and 5-12 year old play structures, climbing structures and swings that incorporate wooden pole facades, natural colors and materials.

### Veterans Park

The Veterans Park play equipment will be replaced with a “challenge theme” play area that will appeal to kids who are into sports and fitness, and will offer a variety of sports activities on the park site. The park is a popular spot for soccer, basketball, handball, open play like tag, and is a place for adults with strollers to walk along the sidewalk path. The new 2-5 year old and 5-12 year old playground structures, climbing structure and swings are supplemented with challenge course pieces designed for climbing over and through, maneuvering in and around the play space



### Whaley Park

“Art, Science and Music” is the perfect theme for the new Whaley Park play equipment, as the park is home to the wildly popular summer music and arts camp for

youth. Young imaginations will come alive on new 2-5 year old and 5-12 year old equipment with interesting shapes and bright colors. Helix climbers and shadow play pieces are also connected for combined climbing from one end to the other without touching the ground! Trees that create interesting shadows on the playground, climbing structures and swings will engage kids in active play.

### Jackson Park

The budget for Jackson Park is smaller and will include a more simple project budgeted at \$50,000 to demolish the existing structure and install an updated 2-12 year old play structure, swings and rubberized safety surfacing.



## Community Recreation Services -

### Earth Day Beach Cleanup Makes a Difference



El Dorado Nature Center held their annual Earth Day Beach Cleanup on April 15 from 10 a.m. to noon. More than 200 volunteers showed their support for keeping our beaches safe and clean by removing 750 pounds of trash from around Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, Cherry Beach and the Peninsula at 72<sup>nd</sup> Place.

The event was held in partnership with the Surfrider Foundation and Clean LB, who stressed the importance of taking an active role in keeping our waterways clean and healthy.

### Start the 100 Days of Summer With **Pop Vinyl**



**Back by Popular Demand!**

Marine Stadium, 5255 Paoli Way



Friday May 26

Dance and sing to Motown, oldies, '70s, '80s, '90s pop disco funk and more.

Kids Zone opens at 5 p.m., Concert 6-8 p.m.

## Senior Meal Programs Restored



*Chavez Park staff visit with seniors enjoying the restored lunch program. In addition to the meal, the seniors benefit from the positive social interaction*

On April 18, the Long Beach City Council voted to allow the local non-profit Women in Action Reaching Out to provide meal service for seniors at Chavez and Silverado Parks. The organization provides healthy meals and nutrition classes to seniors and at-risk families in the Long Beach and South Bay areas and is passionate about changing lives. Due to funding cuts at the Federal level, the previous provider stopped service at the two parks considered to have the lowest participation.

Due to Community Recreation Services Bureau staff effort, these seniors are being accommodated once again.

Both parks will serve hot or cold meals that meet USDA standards Monday through Friday from 12-1 p.m. for a suggested donation of \$1.





## Movies in the Park:

The movie and popcorn are free! Time spent as a family – priceless! This summer there are great free movies showing in local parks. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, picnic-style dinner, and family and friends. All movies begin at dusk. Titles subject to change. The Movies in the Park program is sponsored by Signal Hill Petroleum in cooperation with Partners of Parks. \*Additional movies at Be S.A.F.E sites are sponsored by the Port of Long Beach. For more information, visit [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org).

June 19	Star Wars Rogue One (PG-13)	Signal Hill Park
June 21	Star Wars Rogue One (PG-13)	Bixby Park
June 22	*Star Wars Rogue One (PG-13)	Houghton Park
June 23	Star Wars Rogue One (PG-13)	El Dorado Park West
June 26	Sing	Veterans Park
June 28	Sing	Pan American Park
June 29	*Queen of Katwe	M.L. King Jr. Park
June 30	Sing	Whaley Park
July 3	Angry Birds	Grace Park
July 5	Angry Birds	Cherry Park
July 7	Angry Birds	Chavez Park
July 6	*Alice Through the Looking Glass	Admiral Kidd Park
July 10	Pete's Dragon	DeForest Park
July 12	Pete's Dragon	M.L. King Jr. Park
July 13	*Ghostbusters (PG-13)	Seaside Park
July 14	Pete's Dragon	College Estates Park
July 17	The Jungle Book	MacArthur Park
July 19	The Jungle Book	Admiral Kidd Park
July 20	*Lion (PG-13)	Ramona Park
July 21	The Jungle Book	Orizaba Park
July 24	The Lego Batman Movie	Drake Park
July 26	The Lego Batman Movie	Somerset Park
July 27	*Power Rangers (PG-13)	Silverado Park
July 28	The Lego Batman Movie	Houghton Park
July 29	The Secret Life of Pets	LB Animal Care Services
July 31	Finding Dory	McBride Park
August 2	Finding Dory	Davenport Park
August 3	*Finding Dory	Pan American Park
August 4	Finding Dory	Signal Hill Park
August 7	A Dog's Purpose	Ramona Park
August 9	A Dog's Purpose	Seaside Park
August 10	*The Secret Life of Pets	Bixby Park
August 11	A Dog's Purpose	Stearns Champions Park
August 14	Moana	Heartwell Park
August 16	Moana	Coolidge Park
August 17	*Moana	Drake Park
August 18	Moana	Silverado Park
August 21	Beauty and the Beast	Scherer Park
August 22	*Beauty and the Beast	Orizaba Park
August 23	Beauty and the Beast	Wardlow Park
August 24	*Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them	Scherer Park



## Know Your Long Beach Parks: Boat Launch Ramps

The Long Beach Marine Bureau offers five conveniently located facilities for launching vessels from mobile trailers. Four launch ramp facilities are on the east side of Long Beach, close to the 405, and 605 Freeways, and one location is on the west side of the City, near the 710 Freeway. The per-day rate for use of these facilities is \$12. Cash, debit cards, and credit cards (MasterCard and Visa) are accepted at the launch ramp pay stations.

### **Claremont Launch Ramp - 5300 E. Ocean Blvd.**

Located at Claremont Ave. and Ocean Blvd., this launch ramp is open year round, 8 a.m. to dusk, for sand launch of small sail vessels. No overnight parking is allowed at this location.



### **Davies Launch Ramp - 6204 East Marine Drive**

Located on the east side of Long Beach, below Davies Bridge at Second Street and Marina Drive, this facility is open 24 hours and allows for overnight parking. In addition to multiple boat launch lanes, Davies Launch Ramp features restrooms, short-term dock space for boarding and disembarking passengers, complimentary pump out stations, and coin operated wash down stations.



### **Going Once, Going Twice - SOLD!**

The Long Beach Marine Bureau will be holding an auction of impounded and abandoned vessels on Saturday, June 17 at the Alamitos Bay Marina Office, 205 N. Marina Dr. Inspection and registration begins at 8 a.m. and the bidding begins at 9 a.m. For more information, call Vilma Hernandez at (562) 570-3215 or e-mail [vilma.hernandez@longbeach.gov](mailto:vilma.hernandez@longbeach.gov).

### **Granada Launch Ramp - One South Granada Ave.**

Located at Granada Ave. and Ocean Blvd., this launch ramp is open year round, 8 a.m. to dusk, for sand launch for small vessels and personal watercraft. No overnight parking is allowed at this location.



### **Marine Stadium - 5255 Paoli Way**

Located in east Long Beach at Marine Stadium, this launch ramp is open year-round, 8 a.m. to dusk, for vessels up to 23 feet in length. No overnight parking is allowed at this location. Public restrooms are available. Special events regularly are scheduled in this facility which prohibit launching. A posted schedule of these programs is located near the facility's entrance or call (562) 570-3203 for recorded event information.



### **South Shore Launch Ramp - 590 Queensway Drive**

Located near the Queen Mary overlooking Downtown Long Beach, this facility is open 24 hours and allows overnight for parking. In addition to multiple boat launch lanes, South Shore Launch Ramp features restrooms, short-term dock space for boarding and disembarking passengers, and complimentary wash down stations.





## Fix Long Beach Group Honored



*Pictured L-R: Ted Stevens, Manager, Long Beach Animal Care Services; April Devane, Board Member Fix Long Beach; and Marie Knight, Director, Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine*

Fix Long Beach was recognized by the Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine's Animal Care Services Bureau with a Volunteer Recognition Award from California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) District 10. The award was received by Fix Long Beach Board Member April Devane on April 20 at the CPRS District 10 Awards Banquet in Garden Grove. The CPRS District 10 Awards program recognizes and honors individuals and organizations who have contributed to the parks and recreation profession and to the quality of life within the communities they serve.

Founded in 2013, the group is responsible for "fixing" more than 5,000 animals and helping Long Beach residents comply with the City of Long Beach mandatory spay/neuter law for cats at age 4 months and dogs at age 6 months.

## Employee of the Month:



Please join us in congratulating Elyse Nordholm Garcia as the Employee of the Month!

Elyse was born and raised in Long Beach. She attended Keller Elementary School, DeMille Middle School and Millikan High School. Elyse graduated from CSULB with a B.A. in Social Work and a Master's Degree in Public Policy & Administration. She has

also completed all but her thesis in pursuit of a Master's Degree in Recreation Administration.

Elyse began her career in 1980 as a Recreation Leader V in the Adaptive program and has worked in a variety of programs over the years as a Community Services Supervisor. Since January of 2016, Elyse has been in charge of the Long Beach Senior Center where she has done an excellent job working with staff, volunteers and seniors. In addition to her work with us, Elyse is proud to have served as a Special Olympics volunteer for the past 49 years.

Elyse enjoys body surfing, roller skating and reading in her free time and is looking forward to planning her retirement.

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

### Community Service Workers (CSW) program

Total number of persons enrolled in the program for April.....	91
Total number of CSW Hours for April.....	2,391
Total number of hours worked at Queensway Bay.....	5
<i>(Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance.....	255
<i>(Litter pickup along beach areas, parking lots, Belmont Pool area, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula area and maintenance yard)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance.....	576
<i>(Litter pickup at Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and custodial work)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas.....	299
<i>(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm.....	162
<i>(Litter pickup, custodial and facility)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands.....	0
<i>(Litter pickup and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon and other Various Wetlands)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at special clean-ups.....	1022
<i>(Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs and community events)</i>	

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

Work orders completed.....	565
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 March, 2017	
Parks and Street Island Potable.....	4,314.....\$40,893
Parks and Street Island Reclaimed.....	3,254.....\$12,066

# Calendar of Events

## May

Wed. 17:	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission	Long Beach Senior Ctr.
Th. 18:	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Ctr.
Sat. 20:	11:30 a.m.	El Dorado Nature Center Entryway Dedication	7550 E.Spring Street
Wed. 24:	6 p.m.	Commission on Youth and Children	El Dorado Park West
Fri. 26:	6 p.m.	100 Days of Summer Concert with Pop Vinyl	Marina Vista Park
Mon. 29:		Memorial Day Holiday	

## June

Sat. 3:	10 a.m.	*First Saturday Stewards Cleanup Event	El Dorado Nature Ctr.
	1 p.m.	Youth Art Programn Creation Station	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sat. 10:	1 p.m.	*Curator-led Garden Tour	Rancho Los Alamitos
	7:30 p.m.	*"Liars, Thieves and Chocolate" Storytelling Event	El Dorado Nature Ctr.
Tue. 13:	7 p.m.	*Family Nightlife Walk	El Dorado Nature Ctr.
Sat. 17:	10 a.m.	Wetlands Clean up Event	Golden Shore Reserve
Mon. 19:	11 a.m. & 5 p.m.	Day Camps, Fun Days & Be SAFE Programs Start	Visit <a href="http://www.lbparks.org">www.lbparks.org</a>
	Open Hours	New M/W Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
	Open Hours	New Tu/Th Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Star Wars Rogue One	Signal Hill Park
Wed. 21:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Star Wars Rogue One	Bixby Park
Th. 22:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Star Wars Rogue One	Houghton Park
Fri. 23:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Star Wars Rogue One	El Dorado Park West
Sat. 24:	1 p.m.	*Backyard Butterfly Event El Dorado Nature Ctr.	
	7 p.m.	*Living History Event "Mark Twain/Jedediah Smith"	
	Open Hours	New Sat. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	
Sun. 25:	5:30 p.m.	Free Concert: "The Mastersons"	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 26:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: "Sing"	Belmont Plaza, King Park, Silverado Park Pools
Tue 27:	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 28:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: "Sing"	Veterans Park
	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Whaley Park
Th. 29:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: "Queen of Katwe"	Pan American Park
	6:30 p.m.	Concert: The "Salty Suites," \$3	Los Cerritos Park
	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Admiral Kidd Park
Fri. 30:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: "Sing"	El Dorado Nature Ctr.
	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
			Whaley Park
			El Dorado Park West

**\*Call for registration and fee information.**

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