

We Create Community



LBPRM Celebrates “Parks Make Life Better” Month



Parks, Recreation and Marine kicked off “Parks Make Life Better Month” and celebrated at the July 11 City Council meeting with presentations and congratulations from the Mayor and Councilmembers. July is the month when the most residents participate in park programs.

PRM Director Marie Knight introduced young park patron Erick who led the crowd on a video tour of our programs and services in the community. Huge kudos to Angelo Barrera and staff for the great work on the video and to all staff who attended to support the presentation.

Among the many comments by City Council were “park staff are like family,” “I appreciate all the work for the Be SAFE program,” “parks staff has a connection to all residents,” “parks staff are mentors, chaperones, big brothers and big sisters to our kids;” “kudos to the maintenance



staff for all they do,” “parks are not just for kids but for everyone,” “you should see the life inside our park buildings,” “thank you for your dedicated years of service,” “thanks to staff who work hard with few resources,” and “thanks for coordinating the free lunch program and the foster the 4th program for pets.”

Mayor Garcia presented Marie Knight and Erick with a Mayoral Proclamation in recognition of the month and PRM’s ability to “make life better” for all residents.

Housing and Community Development Grant to Fund Park Improvements

In February, Parks, Recreation and Marine applied for a State of California Housing and Community Development grant for improvements at Drake Park, Peace Park, and M.L. King Jr. Park. LBPRM was successful in obtaining \$900,000 to be spread among these parks in central and west Long Beach. Of 95 municipalities that applied, LBPRM received the eighth largest distribution.



Peace Park



M.L. King Jr. Park



Drake Park

Homeland Dancefest Showcases Talented Artists in Residence

The annual Homeland Cultural Center DanceFest showcases the talent of the artists in residence at Homeland Cultural Center. The free event was held this year on July 9 at the Scottish Rite Event Center.

The audience was treated to an afternoon of multicultural music, dance, poetry and demonstrations of martial arts that underscored Long Beach's rich ethnic diversity.



Dance performances included hip-hop, pop locking and break dancing from the groups Homeland Pop Shop, Homeland B-Boys and Culture Shock LA. Aztec dance performed by Xipe Totec Long Beach, Micronesian Dance interpreted by the Kutturán Chamoru Foundation of Long Beach, the rhythmic drumming and expressive dancing of the West African Drum and Dance Ensemble, and dances native to the Hmong culture performed by the Hmong Association of Long Beach thrilled the audience.

Exciting musical performances included Orlando Greenhill and Sound Army, DJ Ervin Arana, and the Hmong Association of Long Beach playing traditional qeejs, which are flute-type instruments.



The Ancient Khmer Martial Arts group demonstrated the art of bokator that combines physical discipline and spiritualism, and spoken word artists Felicia Cade and the Aim4theHeart group shared original poetry.

The grand finale showcased singing and celebrated the annual showcase with the full cast on stage.

DanceFest 2017 was supported by a grant from the Arts Council for Long Beach, Partners of Parks, and the City of Long Beach.



End the 100 Days of Summer with **TRINITY**

Three tributes all in one show:
Hits by Styx, Foreigner and Journey!

Marine Stadium, 5255 Paoli Way
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 6-8 P.M.

Kids' Zone & Food Trucks at 5 p.m. - Concert, 6 - 8 p.m.





LBPRM youth sports leagues got a Big Blue boost this summer from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF). LADF's "Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities Program" seeks to increase the participation of underserved youth in baseball and softball, encourage academic achievement, prepare youth to play in college and minor leagues, and teach the value of teamwork.

LADF granted \$2,975 to help with field maintenance and umpire fees to offer T-ball to approximately 500 youth. LADF also contributed uniforms, equipment, banners, coach training, youth clinics, and giveaways.



USTA Youth Tennis Offers Youth Tennis Leagues



Long Beach Parks Recreation and Marine offered free youth tennis instruction this summer in cooperation with the United States Tennis Association (USTA).

A six-week series of group lessons was led by

USTA instructors for ages 8-17 at Drake, Ramona and Veterans Parks. The youth received free tennis equipment and t-shirts, and were eligible to play in a tournament at the conclusion of the classes.

The goal of the program was to teach the game of tennis to children and encourage them to have fun and make new friends.

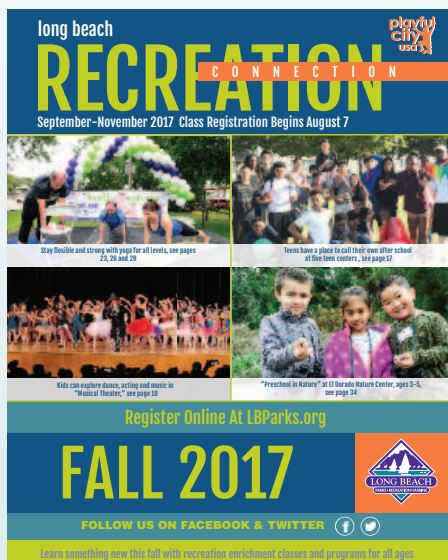


By the Numbers:

Community Recreation Services - June 2017

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| Permits to Gather..... | 240 |
| Reserved Picnic Sites..... | 30 |
| Number of Contract Classes..... | 247 |
| Facility Use Permits Issued..... | 73 |
| Field Use Permits Issued..... | 75 |
| El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes..... | 687 |
| El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries..... | 12,936 |
| Adult Sports League Participants..... | 8,664 |
| Visits to City Pools..... | 28,621 |
| Youth and Teen Participants..... | 52,518 |
| Senior Citizen Participants..... | 11,033 |
| Visits to El Dorado Nature Center..... | 35,083 |

LBPRM Fall Class Registration Going On Now



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RECREATION CONNECTION
September–November 2017 Class Registration Begins August 7

Stay flexible and strong with yoga for all levels, see pages 25, 26 and 28

Teams have a place to call their own after school at the teen centers, see page 37

Kids can explore nature, acting and music in "Musical Theater," see page 39

"Preschool in Nature" at El Dorado Nature Center, ages 3–5, see page 34

Register Online At LBParks.org

FALL 2017

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Learn something new this fall with recreational enrichment classes and programs for all ages

Register now for new fall recreation classes offered by Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (LBPRM). More than 400 classes in art, music, nature, fitness, special interest subjects; adult sports leagues and aquatics programs will be offered starting in September. These programs provide opportunities for exercise and

recreation, social interaction and learning, and growth and relaxation for ages pre-school to adults 50+.

Preschoolers can learn to create healthy snacks in Lil Sprouts Cooking Class. They can learn to express themselves with sign language and Spanish language immersion classes. Other fall offerings include music, dance, gymnastics, soccer, tee ball and preschool reading and math.

Youth classes include cooking, baking funk dance, hip hop dance, musical theater, reading and math development, and music. Young athletes can hone their skills in basketball, ice skating, gymnastics, ice hockey, martial arts, volleyball, skateboarding and soccer.

Teens can prepare to get their driver's license, write a winning college essay, jam on the guitar and stay active in a variety of sports classes.

There are several great new art classes for **adults** being offered this fall. In *Portraiture and Figure Drawing*, you can learn to draw the human figure from draped models. Lessons will include figurative proportions, foreshortening, hands and feet, negative space, and gesture drawing. The *Sketching and Journaling* class will develop sketching and watercolor techniques to apply to art journals such as collage, plein-air, transfer, and postcard sized drawing and painting. For watercolorists seeking to branch out, *Watercolor Magic* will teach marbling, salt wash, transfer printing and wax resist will make your watercolors truly stand out. You may also want to "Transform Your Photo into a Beautiful Painting." The instructor will demonstrate how a painting is developed in oil, primarily, but also in watercolor or pastel.

Looking for a fun new fitness routine? The new Adult Hip Hop class is fast paced and teaches street style dance and funky hip hop routines.

Adults 50+ have many options through LBPRM to stay fit including dance, Yoga and Zumba®

New this fall is the Lower Back and Hip Workshop where you can learn simple and safe stretches (asanas) to relieve stress and muscle fatigue due to poor posture and injury flare-ups, You can also learn to be healthier by focusing your attention on breathing and body positioning.

Visit www.lbparks.org to see the digital version of the "Recreation Connection" or pick one up at your local park or library.

It's easy to register!

1. Visit www.lbparks.org. (click on "RecConnect") or
2. call 562.570.3111 or
3. Visit the Registration Reservations Office at 2760 Studebaker Road, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2017 California Coastal Cleanup Day

Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m. – noon

Help keep our coastline clean and healthy. Cleanups take place at beaches throughout the city.

For more information, call 562.570.1745.





To mark the 100th anniversary of Rotary International in 2005, the Long Beach Rotarians raised over \$160,000 to build the 1.2-acre Rotary Centennial Park at Pacific Coast Highway and Junipero Street. The park

serves a densely populated neighborhood and features a solar system theme with planets and a stainless-steel sundial sculpture. Other features include a fenced tot play yard and three play structures, one of which was funded through a Rotary International matching grant in partnership with the Rotary Club of Celaya, Mexico.

The Long Beach Rotarians hold monthly work parties to help clean and maintain the park and also work in partnership with Parks, Recreation and Marine's, Maintenance Operations staff to complete projects.



Congratulations to Todd Leland on his selection as Employee of the Month for July!

Todd is a Long Beach native and graduate of Wilson High School, where he played football. He received a B.A. in Journalism from California State University Long Beach and recently completed a Master's Degree in Human Relations and Business at Amberton University.

Todd started with the City of Long Beach in 2003 as the Head Sailing Instructor at Leeway Sailing Center. He was quickly promoted to the position of Recreation Assistant and was responsible for the day-to-day operation at Leeway for three years before accepting an Aquatics Supervisor I position at Silverado Pool in 2008. Todd moved to his current assignment as the Aquatics Supervisor II, assigned to Tidelands Aquatics, in 2013.

Todd and his family live in Long Beach and participate in many Parks, Recreation and Marine activities. Todd's wife Lilia is a Kindergarten / First Grade teacher at the Aspire Academy in South Central Los Angeles. Todd and Lilia are the proud parents of two sons, Baron and Wyatt.

Todd is well known for his willingness to help anyone in any way at any time. He has trained many staff in CPR and First Aid skills and often assists fellow employees when equipment fails or assistance is needed in providing services to the public.

Be sure to give Todd a HIGH FIVE for his great work next time you see him!

By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations Bureau - June 2017

Community Service Workers (CSW) program

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| Number of persons enrolled for June..... | 59 |
| Number of CSW Hours for June..... | 1,289 |
| Number of hours worked at Queensway Bay..... | 16 |
| (Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup) | |
| Number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance..... | 96 |
| (Litter pickup along beach areas, parking lots, Belmont Pool area, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula and maintenance yard) | |
| Number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance..... | 226 |
| (Litter pickup at Belmont Pier, maintenance building, custodial work) | |
| Number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas..... | 264 |
| (Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites, i.e: Tree Farm and Night Crew) | |
| Number of hours worked at Tree Farm..... | 228 |
| (Litter pickup, custodial and facility) | |
| Number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands..... | 249 |
| (Litter removal at Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon) | |

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| Number of hours worked at special clean-ups..... | 210 |
| (Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs and community events) | |

June Statistics

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| Work orders completed..... | 608 |
| Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis bureau wide..... | 172 |
| Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily..... | 28 |

Park acres maintained

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

Water Use:

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| MOB GP105 Water cost & Consumption for May, 2017 | |
| Parks and Street Island Potable..... | \$100,147 |
| Parks and Street Island Reclaimed..... | \$67,349 |

Animal Care Services Update

Movie Night at the Shelter

Long Beach Animal Care Services hosted their second annual Movie in the Park event on July 29. Dozens of families not only enjoyed the free screening of "The Secret Life of Pets," but were able to become familiar with the Animal Shelter and meet great adoptable dogs and cats.



Foster the Fourth

The dedicated Animal Care Services (ACS) team was able to weather the 4th of July "storm," thanks to a coordinated effort with Live Love Animal rescue and residents that stepped up to help "Foster on the Fourth." These residents provided temporary housing for shelter dogs to free up kennel space for the influx of lost pets who run from their homes frightened by fireworks. A total of 19 dogs were placed in temporary foster homes around the holiday weekend. ACS staff is gratified to learn that many of these dogs may become permanently adopted and not have to return to the shelter.

On July 3 and 4, ACS staff answered phones until midnight to relieve pressure on the Emergency Dispatchers. The Clerks and Animal Control Officers in the field worked together to help reunite lost pets in the field rather than bringing them back to the shelter. Only one dog had to be brought back to the shelter on July 4, and since then, ACS has helped reunite over dozens of animals with their owners.

Leeway Kids Join Beach to Bay Regatta



On June 20 Leeway Sailing Center campers participated in the 30th Annual Jessica Uniack Memorial Beach to Bay Race. They joined over 150 junior sailors from throughout Southern California in a five nautical mile race in dinghy classes from Shoreline Beach to Alamitos Bay, with the finish line at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

Know Your Long Beach ⁸ Parks: Scherer Park



Scherer Park is one of the oldest parks in Long Beach and is located at 4600 Long Beach Blvd. Developer Lloyd Whaley and the Home Investment Company, which built homes in Long Beach in the 1940s and '50s, donated the original 11.14 acres of the park in 1944.

The park was named on October 14, 1948, for Herman J. Scherer, who was Superintendent of Parks from June 16, 1940 to his death on August 2, 1948. The now 25.23-acre park includes a lake with a waterfall, a community center, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, a playground and picnic areas.



Scherer Park Development Timeline

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| <p>1944: 11.14 acres of land was donated to the City of Long Beach by Home Investment Company</p> <p>1948: Park named for former Park Superintendent Herman J. Scherer.</p> <p>1956: A park development plan was approved.</p> <p>1959: Scherer Park opened on November 10, 1959.</p> <p>1975: The City leased the 2.2-acre section of the park that was cut off from the park by Del Amo Boulevard to the YMCA, who constructed a recreation center and swimming pool on the site.</p> <p>1986: Grants for \$400,000 from the State Parks Bond issue of 1984, and \$200,000 from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund funded the replacement of the irrigation system, security lighting and picnic tables, and new playground equipment and landscaping.</p> <p>1988: A 1.23-acre area of the park, that served as a right-of-way for Del Amo Boulevard, was leased to the Boys and Girls Club to construct a recreational facility.</p> | <p>1997: The Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Act of 1992 funded new playground equipment and picnic tables, and lake improvements.</p> <p>2001: 2.6 acres of parkland was converted for the North Police Station that opened in 2004.</p> <p>2002: American with Disabilities Act improvements from the transition plan was completed with Community Development Block Grant funding.</p> <p>2006: The parkland used for the North Police Station was restored in the area with the opening of Davenport Park at 2910 E. 55th Way on August 6, 2006.</p> <p>2006: A master planning effort for the park began in September to explore the possible future development of a new community center, exercise trails, and lake restoration.</p> <p>2009: The Uptown Dog Park opened in November 2009 on the Long Beach Blvd. side of Scherer Park in an area near picnic tables and a parking lot. There are separate areas for small and large dogs to play off leash.</p> |
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August - September 2017 Calendar of Events

August

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| Fri. 11: | Dusk | Movie in the Park: A Dog's Purpose | Stearns Champions |
| Mon. 14: | Dusk | Movie in the Park: Moana | Heartwell Park |
| Wed. 16: | 9 a.m. | Senior Advisory Commission Meeting | Long Beach Senior Center |
| | Dusk | Movie in the Park: Moana | Coolidge Park |
| Th. 17: | 9 a.m. | Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting | El Dorado Park Senior Center |
| | 4 p.m. | Mobile Pet Vaccination Clinic | Scherer Park |
| | Dusk | Movie in the Park: Moana | Drake Park |
| Fri. 18: | Dusk | Movie in the Park: Moana | Silverado Park |
| Sat. 19: | 10 a.m. | Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Red Car Greenbelt | Fourth Street & Park Avenue |
| | 10 a.m. | *Wetland Warrior Cleanup | Golden Shore Reserve |
| Mon. 21: | Dusk | Movie in the Park: Beauty and the Beast | Scherer Park |
| Tue. 22: | Dusk | Movie in the Park: Beauty and the Beast | Orizaba Park |
| Wed. 23: | Dusk | Movie in the Park: Beauty and the Beast | Wardlow Park |
| Th. 24: | 4 p.m. | SNP Mobile Pet Vaccination Clinic | Uptown Dog Park at Scherer Park |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Concert by Sligo Rags | El Dorado Nature Center |
| | Dusk | Movie in the Park: Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them (PG-13) | Scherer |
| Fri. 25: | 6 p.m. | 100 Days of Summer Finale Concert – Trinity | Marine Stadium |
| Sun. 27: | 4:30 p.m. | Concert by Pearl Charles | Rancho Los Cerritos |

September

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| Sat. 2: | Varies | * Four-week M/W Swim Lessons Begin | Belmont, King & Silverado Pools |
| | 10 a.m. | 1st Saturday Stewards – Trail Cleanup | El Dorado Nature Center |
| Mon. 4: | | Labor Day | |
| Tue. 5: | Varies | * Four-week M/W Swim Lessons Begin | King Park Pool |
| Wed. 6: | Varies | * 8 -week Sat. Swim Lessons Begin | Silverado Park Pool |
| | 10 a.m. | * Dinosaur Dig Day Pre-School Program | El Dorado Nature Center |
| Th. 7: | 4 p.m. | SNP Mobile Pet Vaccination Clinic | Uptown Dog Park at Scherer Park |
| Mon. 11: | Varies | * Four – week M/W Swim Lessons begin | Belmont Plaza Pool |
| Tue. 12: | Varies | * Four – week Tu/Th Swim Lessons begin | Belmont Plaza Pool |
| | 7 p.m. | * Family Nightlife Walk | El Dorado Nature Center |
| Th. 14: | 2:30 p.m. | Marine Advisory Commission Meeting | Long Beach Yacht Club |
| Sat. 16: | TBA | Davenport Park Expansion Dedication | 2910 E. 55th Way |
| | 9 a.m. | California Coast Cleanup Day | Call 562.570.4876 |
| | 10 a.m. | Southern California Turtle and Tortoise Care Society Show | El Dorado Nature Center |
| Wed. 20: | 9 a.m. | Senior Advisory Commission Meeting | Long Beach Senior Center |
| Th. 21: | 9 a.m. | Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting | El Dorado Park Senior Center |
| | 4 p.m. | SNP Mobile Pet Vaccination Clinic | Uptown Dog Park at Scherer Park |
| Wed. 27: | 6 p.m. | Commission on Youth and Children Meeting | El Dorado Park West |

*Call for registration and fee information.

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