# We Create Community



#### Gerardo Mouet Named New Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine



On May 25, City Manager Pat West named Gerardo Mouet as the new City's Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine. Mr. Mouet brings 28 years of local government experience including overseeing parks, recreation and community services operations, human resources administration, and city-wide budget development and

contract administration in his previous positions.

For the past 14 years, Gerardo has served as the executive director for the City of Santa Ana's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Agency. During his tenure, he managed 50 parks, 17 Recreation Centers, the Santa Ana Zoo and the Public Library System. He oversaw a budget of \$24 million annually with 72 full-time employees and 350 part-time employees. Gerardo is also a member of the Orange County Fair and Event Center Board of Directors.

"Mr. Mouet has a wealth of expertise having served in a similar capacity at a large urban municipality. He will be a great asset to the team with his track record of creative program development and general municipal management," said Mr. West.

The Parks, Recreation and Marine Department is comprised

of over 1,000 full-time and part-time employees with a budget of over \$55 million that provides animal care services, marine and beach maintenance, park facilities and ground maintenance, community recreation services and department administration.

"Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine has a national reputation for providing outstanding quality services to the community. I am honored to join the City of Long Beach team to continue delivering excellent programs and services. It is exciting to be part of this dynamic community," said Mr. Mouet.

Mr. Mouet holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of California, San Diego. Mr. Mouet is replacing Stephen Scott, who filled the position on an interim basis. Mr. Scott will return to his Deputy Director and Business Operations Manager position in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine.

"Mr. Scott is a valued member of our team at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department. I would like to thank him for stepping into the leadership role as Interim Director once again and for his continued service with the City," said Mr. West.

Mr. Mouet's appointment will be effective June 18, 2018.

# "100 Days of Summer" Begins in Long Beach



A free concert from the band Under Cover got the "100 Days of Summer" started in Long Beach on May 25. Marina Vista Park was packed with people dancing, picnicking and having fun.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the City of Long Beach will offer hundreds of

free or low-cost cultural programs, sports activities, and special events throughout the City.

"100 Days of Summer" is a partnership between Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine and the Long Beach Convention and Visitor's Bureau to promote opportunities to "stay and play" in Long Beach during the summer.

The website, www.100daysofsummer.org provides residents with ideas for fun activities without having to travel far or spend a lot of money, such as free concerts and movies, recreation programs in City parks, aquatics programs, and events at El Dorado Nature Center and the Rancho Los Alamitos and Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Sites.





# PRM Receives American Planning Association Awards

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) received two prestigious awards from the Los Angeles section of the American Planning Association (APA) on June 7, that recognize and celebrate noteworthy planning projects, plans, and programs in the Los Angeles region.

PRM received a "Public Outreach" Award of Excellence for the Uptown Open Space Vision Plan. Led by the Office of Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, PRM, the Department of Health and Human Services, and City Fabrick (a nonprofit design studio), the plan the draws upon community input to creatively identify and enhance public open spaces to provide accessibility within a 10-minute walk for residents



possibilities for open space.

North Long Beach. The Plan was informed by a three-phase, community -driven engagement process, which culminated in "Color **Block** Walk" event where residents used washable color powders to express



Gumbiner Park received an Award of Excellence in the Urban Design category. Creative vision, strong community and stakeholder engagement, diligent advocacy for open space, and concern for enhanced public safety resulted in the opening of Gumbiner Park in downtown Long Beach in April 2017. Led by PRM and the Department of Public Works, the project replaced a portion of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue that was previously known as one of the most dangerous intersections in the City, with new recreation and open space resources and increased park access for the community.

The APA is a professional organization representing the field of city and regional planning in the United States. For more information visit: http://apalosangeles.org/.

# Southern California Association of Governments Honors Willow Springs Wetlands Restoration

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine's (PRM) Willow Springs Park Wetlands Restoration Project was recognized in May by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for Outstanding Achievement in Sustainability. The award recognizes planning efforts that enhance the mobility, livability, and sustainability of the Southern California region.

The City celebrated the restoration of the Willow Springs Park Wetlands in October 2017. The 12-acre project transformed a once inaccessible area within Willow Springs Park into a revitalized space featuring pedestrian trails, wetland and coastal sage scrub restoration areas, and an outdoor classroom for environmental education.

SCAG is the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization and undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to plan for a livable and sustainable Southern California now and in the future. For more information on SCAG's regional efforts, visit: http://scag.ca.gov/ga2018.



### PRM Ranks in Top 21 of Park Systems Among 100 Largest US Cities

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) has risen to number 21 among the 100 largest U.S. city park systems in the Trust for Public Land's (TPL) 2018 ParkScore® Index survey, a rise from 24<sup>th</sup> place rank in 2017.

"Long Beach residents and visitors enjoy exceptional parks and open space areas," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "Our Parks, Recreation, and Marine staff work hard every day to provide leisure programs, maintain parks, beaches and marinas, and to add and improve recreational open space areas. This ranking is a testament to their efforts."

The TPL Report commended PRM for its walkable park access in the city where 81 percent of residents live within a 10-minute walk to a park. Also noted was the City's investment in parks and recreation of \$208 per resident, compared to the national median of \$105. PRM also stood out for the number of off-leash dog recreation areas, and senior centers that serve residents throughout the City.

"Our park system is part of what provides a great quality of life in the City of Long Beach," said Stephen P. Scott, Interim Director of PRM. "We are proud of our efforts to provide more recreational open space within walking distance of residents. In recent months we have created new greenbelts with walking paths and bike trails at the



community center at
Houghton Park,
opened a new 12acre wetlands at
Willow Springs Park, and will soon open

Red Car Greenbelt

and Drake-Chavez

Greenbelt, opened

three artificial turf sports fields, broken

ground on a new

6,500-square-foot

the new 34-acre DeForest Wetlands project with restored habitats and flood control capabilities, and opportunities for bird watching, walking, and educational tours and programs."

The TPL Report ranks parks according to park access, the percentage of residents who have a park within a half-mile of their home, a city's median park size and the percentage of total city area dedicated to parks, and the city park spending per resident.

TPL creates parks and protects land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for future generations. For more information about ParkScore, visit parkscore.tpl.org.

# Please Join Us Mayor Robert Garcia, Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, Eighth District Councilmember Al Austin and the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine and Public Work cordially invite you to attend the RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY of the DEFORE T PARK WETLAND June 30, 2018 10:00 a.m. 6255 DeForest Avenue 562-570,3150 for more information

#### By the Numbers: Community Recreation Services: April 2018

Permits to Gather	115
Reserved Picnic Sites	16
Number of Contract Classes (Winter)	496
Facility Use Permits Issued	57
Field Use Permits Issued	38
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes	721
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	14,817
Adult Sports League Participants (Winter)	36,689
Visits to City Pools	19,381
Youth and Teen Participants	11,089
Senior Citizen Participants	21,797
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center	34,529

# 100 Days of Summer Programs - Free Movies in the Park



The Movie in the Park program motto is "The movie and popcorn are free. Time spent as a family is priceless!" For the 13th year in a row Signal Hill Petroleum in cooperation with Partners of Parks will sponsor the popular "Movies in the Park" series that attracts thousands of people young and old each summer for free evenings of fun at their local park. Movies begin at dusk. Bring a lawn chair, picnic style dinner, and family and friends. Movies subject to change. Visit www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/summer-family-entertainment/movies-in-the-park/ for more information.

#### 2018 Movies in the Park Schedule - Sponsored by Signal Hill Petroleum

June 18	Wonder	Signal Hill Park	1780 E. Hill Street (Signal Hill)
June 20	Wonder	Bixby Park	130 Cherry Avenue
June 22	Wonder	Whaley Park	5620 Atherton Street
June 25	Despicable Me 3	Houghton Park	6301 Myrtle Avenue
June 27	Despicable Me 3	Grace Park	Elm Street & Plymouth Avenue
June 29	Despicable Me 3	Drake Park	951 Maine Avenue
July 2	Emoji Movie	M.L. King Jr. Park	1950 Lemon Avenue
July 3	Emoji Movie	Cherry Park	1901 E. 45 <sup>th</sup> Street
July 6	Emoji Movie	Wardlow Park	3457 Stanbridge Avenue
July 9	Paddington 2	DeForest Park	6255 DeForest Avenue
July 11	Paddington 2	Orizaba Park	2937 E. 14th Street
July 13	Paddington 2	Reservoir Park	3315 Gundry Avenue (Signal Hill)
July 16	Lego Ninjago Movie	Pan American Park	5157 Centralia Street
July 18	Lego Ninjago Movie	Seaside Park	14th Street at Chestnut Avenue
July 20	Lego Ninjago Movie	Silverado Park	1545 W. 31st Street
July 23	Cars 3	Ramona Park	3301 E. 65 <sup>th</sup> Street
July 25	Cars 3	Davenport Park	2910 E. 55 <sup>th</sup> Way
July 27	Cars 3	College Estates Park	808 Stevely Avenue
July 28	Peter Rabbit	LB Animal Care Services	7700 E. Spring Street
July 30	Coco	Admiral Kidd Park	2125 Santa Fe Avenue
August 1	Coco	MacArthur Park	1321 Anaheim Street
August 3	Coco	Chavez Park	401 Golden Avenue
August 6	The Nut Job 2	Somerset Park	1500 E. Carson Street
August 8	The Nut Job 2	Coolidge Park	352 Neece Street
August 10	The Nut Job 2	Stearns Champions Park	4520 E. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street
August 13	Sherlock Gnomes	Heartwell Park	5801 E. Parkcrest Street
August 15	Sherlock Gnomes	McBride Park	1550 M.L. King Jr. Avenue
August 17	Sherlock Gnomes	Scherer Park	4600 Long Beach Boulevard
August 18	Willie Wonka and the Chocolate	Signal Hill Park	1780 E. Hill Street (Signal Hill)
	Factory (original version)		
August 20	A Wrinkle in Time	Veterans Park	101 E. 28th Street
August 22	A Wrinkle in Time	El Dorado Park West	2800 N. Studebaker Road

#### Free Be SAFE Program Movies in the Park Sponsored by the Port of Long Beach

June 21:	Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle	Seaside Park	14th Street at Chestnut Avenue
June 28:	Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol. 2	Pan American Park	5157 Centralia Street
July 5:	Justice League	Admiral Kidd Park	2125 Santa Fe Avenue
July 12:	Wonder Woman	Bixby Park	130 Cherry Avenue
July 19:	Pirates of the Caribbean:	Scherer Park	4600 Long Beach Boulevard
	Deadmen Tell No Tales		
July 26:	Star Wars: Last Jedi	Drake Park	951 Maine Avenue
Aug. 2	Spiderman Homebound	Houghton Park	6301 Myrtle Avenue
Aug. 9:	Thor: Ragnarock	Orizaba Park	2937 E. 14 <sup>th</sup> Street
Aug. 16:	Transformers: Last Knight	Ramona Park	3301 E. 65 <sup>th</sup> Street
Aug. 21:	Black Panther	M.L. King Jr. Park	1950 Lemon Avenue
Aug. 23:	Black Panther	Silverado Park	1545 W. 31st Street

# Long Beach Municipal Band Celebrates 109 Years

The Long Beach Municipal Band has been part of the cultural and musical heritage of Long Beach for over 100 years. Back this year for a six-week season of concerts, the summer 2018 theme is "The Sizzling Sounds of Summer."

#### Week One: June 26-29 Barnum and Bailey Salute

This week's music is not so much a tribute to the circus, but more to the band that provided the musical excitement. Their day started with a town parade, leading citizens to nearby circus tents. Next followed impromptu concerts as the crowd assembled. Later when the circus began, the band performed non-stop. It was the most demanding band music of the era. We salute these extraordinarily talented musicians by performing music from the Barnum and Bailey library. Barbara Morrison returns in her starring role, singing with The Studio Band.

#### Week Two: July 3, 5 & 6 A Star-Spangled Salute

Happy Independence Week! The state legislature has proclaimed this to be "Long Beach Municipal Band Week," so we have a couple of reasons to celebrate our heritage. Additionally the Studio Band presents an American tribute to "The Andrew Sisters," performed by the sensational Swing Dolls!

#### Week Three: July 10-13 A Musical Journey

It's always fun to experience other cultures. This week the band does the traveling while you relax in the park with music from around the world. You'll return home with a mind filled with musical memories. Meloney Collins lends her considerable musical talents to our journey.

#### Week Four: July 17-20 Southern Harmonies

So many American originals were created in The South, but none were more influential than the music inspired by the confluence of French, African, and Spanish traditions that resulted in the birth of Creole and Cajun cultures. American Jazz owes its existence to these exciting, improvised harmonies and rhythms. Listen and enjoy! The great vocal artist Julie Ragins closes this evening of American originals.

#### Week Five: July 24-27 Off Broadway

Across this great nation one can attend Broadway musicals, including the King and I, Chicago, The Lion King, or Phantom of the Opera, but why do all that traveling when you can experience these wonderful songs in one night, here in Long Beach? You will also receive the added bonus of the fabulous entertainer, Tony Galla with The Studio Band.

#### Week Six: July 30 – Aug. 3 Latin Heat!!

Our season finale presents a truly sizzling evening of Latin music. The last concerts of summer are always special experiences for band and audience alike. This one will resound in our collective memories for months to come. Nicole Kubis joins The Studio Band to complete this exciting evening. Don't miss this very special performance.





# **Beaches and Marina Update**

#### Long Beach Marinas Re-Certified as Clean Marinas



Long Beach's Alamitos Bay, Shoreline and Rainbow Harbor Marinas have received a five-year recertification from the Clean Marine program, a marine industry alliance that promotes environmentally

clean marinas and boat yard facilities. The program helps protect coastal and inland waters from pollution by encouraging industry best management practices.

"Our team is excited about the renewal of the Clean Marine certification," said Elvira Hallinan, Manager of Beaches and Marinas. "Boaters will be welcomed by the Clean Marine flag, letting them know that we're committed to operating the City marinas in an environmentally friendly manner."

Long Beach's marinas received the recertification following inspection and evaluation processes conducted by independent marine industry professionals. The processes included evaluating marina policies and procedures and boater education efforts for on-site vessel maintenance; sewage, solid waste, and liquid waste management practices; storm water runoff systems; environmental programs; and debris prevention and clean up practices.

Long Beach has participated as a Clean Marine member since 2006, and has maintained uninterrupted program certifications since that time. The Marine Recreation Association of California, an industry professional association and advocacy group, endorses the program.

Visit www.cleanmarina.org/members.html for more information.

#### **Queensway Bay Sign Renovation**

Maintenance Assistants Salvador Ballesteros and Mark Januszka from the Marine Bureau Facility Maintenance team recently renovated the large Queensway Bay signs at the top of the stairs on the Promenade Bridge by the Hyatt Hotal and Long Beach Convention Center. The faded signs were replaced with more colorful and vibrant signs to make a great impression on the thousands of visitors who come to the area each year.



"Before"



"During"

"After"

#### **Employee of the Month: Alex Gomez**



Congratulations to Alex Gomez on being named Employee of the Month for the month of May.

Alex joined the PRM team six months ago as a custodian with the Maintenance Operations Bureau and supports multiple parks throughout the City.

Alex is constantly receiving compliments from the staff at the facilities he maintains. He always has an upbeat attitude and friendly demeanor. Even with a limited schedule, Alex takes the time to go above and beyond, to make facilities ready for the public. He has gone to great lengths to clean patio areas and windows at sites that have had homeless encampments. Even though these spaces are tough to clean and require significant resources, he has readily takes on these challenges. One day while cleaning the patio at Veterans Park Communty Center, he said the was worried that when the kids arrived for the After School Program it wouldn't be clean. He truly takes pride in his job and we are lucky to have him on our team.

Alex is a role model to others and a great addition to the PRM family! In his free time he enjoys football and spending time with his three children and girlfriend.

# **Maintenance Operations Update**

#### **DeForest Park Futsol Courts Renovated**

Facility Maintenance staff recently renovated the futsol courts at DeForest Park. The courts have been heavily used since being opened in 2013.

The courts were completed in time to host PRM Adult Futsol leagues starting on July 6. For more information and to register for the league, visit http://teamsideline.com/sites/longbeach.



"Before"



"During



#### By the Numbers: Maintenance

#### Community Service Workers (CSW) program Total Number of persons enrolled during May......311 Total number of CSW Hours for May......7,872 Total number of hours worked at Queensway Bay......37 (Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup) Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance.....880 (Litter pickup on beaches, parking lots, Belmont Pool, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula) Total number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance.......2,636 (Litter pickup at Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and custodial work) Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas.......1,905 (Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew) Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm......101 (Litter pickup, custodial and facility) Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands......1,109

(Litter and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon)

Operations Bureau - May 2018
Total number of hours worked at special clean-ups
Work orders completed639
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis172
Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily28
Park acres maintained
Park turf814
Park landscape2,310
Street (medians) turf53
Street landscape143
Water Use: MOB GP105 Water cost & Consumption for April 2018
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# June - July 2018 Calendar of Events

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Mon. 18	11 a.m.	Summer Fun Days Begin	Visit www.lbparks.org
	5 p.m.	Be SAFE Programs Begin	Visit www.lbparks.org
	Dusk	Movie in the Park "Wonder"	Signal Hill Park
Wed. 20	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Symphonic Winds	Bixby Park
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	Dusk	Movie in the Park "Wonder"	Bixby Park
Th. 21	Dusk	Be SAFE Program Movie: Jumanji Welcome to the Jungle	Seaside Park
Fri. 22	Dusk	Movie in the Park "Wonder"	Whaley Park
Sat. 23	10 a.m.	DeForest Wetlands Grand Opening	6255 DeForest Avenue
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	4 p.m.	Concert: Gregg Young & Second Street Band	MacArthur Park
Mon. 25	Dusk	Movie in the Park "Despicable Me 3	Houghton Park
Tue. 26	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Whaley Park
Wed. 27	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
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	Dusk	Movie in the Park "Despicable Me 3	Grace Park
Th. 28	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Steel Parade	El Dorado Nature Center
	Dusk	Be SAFE Program Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol. 2	Pan American Park
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Fri 29	11 a.m.	Concert: Symphonic Winds	El Dorado Senior Center
	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Movie in the Park "Despicable Me 3	Drake Park
Sat. 30	4 p.m.	Community Concert: Yard Sale Band	Somerset Park
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Tue. 3	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Whaley Park
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Emoji Movie	Cherry Park
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Th. 5	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
	Dusk	Be SAFE Program Movie: Justice League	Admiral Kidd Park
Fri. 6	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Emoji Movie	Wardlow Park
Sat. 7		•	
	4 p.m.	Community Concert: Sangria Band	Drake Park
Mon. 9	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Paddington 2	DeForest Park
Tue. 10	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Bluff Park
Wed. 11	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
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	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Paddington 2	Orizaba Park
Th. 12	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
	6:30	Concert: Corday	El Dorado Nature Center
	Dusk	Be SAFE Program Movie: Wonder Woman	Bixby Park
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	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Paddington 2	Reservoir Park, Signal Hill
Sat. 14	4 p.m.	Community Concert: Boxcar 7	Orizaba Park
Mon. 16	Dusk:	Movie in the Park: Lego Ninjago Movie	Pan American Park
Tue. 17	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Bluff Park
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Wed. 18	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Lego Ninjago Movie	Seaside Park
Th. 19	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
	Dusk	Be SAFE Movie: Pirates of the Caribbean: Deadmen Tell No Tales	
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Fri. 20	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk:	Movie in the Park: Lego Ninjago Movie	Silverado Park
Sat. 21	4 p.m.	Community Concert: Kool Kats	Veterans Park
Sun. 22	4 p.m.	Homeland Cultural Center DanceFest	Scottish Rite Theater
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Mon. 23	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Cars 3	Ramona Park
Tue. 24	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Bluff Park
Wed. 25	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Cars 3	Davenport Park
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Th. 26	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
	6:30 p.m. Concert:	J.P. McDermott & Western Bop	El Dorado Nature Ctr.
	Dusk	Be SAFE Program Movie: Star Wars: Last Jedi	Drake Park
Fri. 27	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
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	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Cars 3	College Estates Park
Sat. 28	8 a.m.	Novice Swim Meet	Belmont Plaza Pool
	4 p.m.	Community Concert: Rockabilly Band	Promenade Park
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Peter Rabbit	Animal Care Services
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Mon. 30	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Coco	Admiral Kidd Park
Tue. 31	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Ramona Park
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