

# We Create Community



## After 20+ Years in the Making - DeForest Wetlands Opens to the Public



*Celebrating the DeForest Wetlands opening are L-R: Parks, Recreation & Marine (PRM) Director Gerardo Mouet, former 9th District Councilmember Val Lerch, Councilmember Al Austin, Parks and Recreation Commissioner David Zanatta, Mayor Robert Garcia, Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, PRM Manager of Maintenance Operations Hurley Owens, Councilmember Roberto Uranga and community members.*

The community joined Mayor Robert Garcia, Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, Eighth District Councilmember Al Austin and the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine and Public Works at the grand opening ceremony of the DeForest Wetlands on Saturday, June 30.

“This project will create recreational opportunities and open space in under-served neighborhoods and further efforts to restore the Los Angeles River,” said Mayor Robert Garcia.

The DeForest Wetlands opened 34 acres for public use by converting areas of overgrown vegetation and land devoid of habitat into a river parkway with freshwater wetlands, wildlife habitat, recreational trails, native plants, and interpretive signage, while retaining flood control properties. Public use includes bird watching, walking, horseback riding, and educational tours and programs.

“Restoring DeForest Wetlands is part of the renaissance in North Long Beach,” said Vice Mayor Rex Richardson. “This site allows families to enjoy nature in our community.”

“The DeForest Wetlands is a destination for residents and anyone looking for a great place to take a stroll and enjoy a bit of nature in our city,” said Councilmember Al Austin.

The total project cost was approximately \$8.5 million, and was made possible using funds from Los Angeles County Proposition A, the California Resources Agency, California Coastal Conservancy, and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.



*Walking, biking and equestrian trails; vernal pools, and habitat including native grasslands, coastal shrubs and oak-sycamore trees were developed or enhanced.*



*The entry gate designed by artist Brett Goldstone reflects the wildlife and natural elements of the adjacent Los Angeles River.*



# Bayshore Beach Improvements Ready For Summer



On June 16, the City of Long Beach unveiled shoreline improvements in the Bayshore area.

“These are amazing improvements and they couldn’t have come at a better time as we are getting ready for summer,” said Mayor Robert Garcia. “This revitalized area will provide countless hours of fun for Long Beach residents and visitors.”

The Bayshore revitalization efforts included:

- ◆ A complete rebuild of the Leeway Pier and repairs to the foundation and aesthetics of the Leeway Sailing Center.
- ◆ New paint and other aesthetic enhancements to the Bayshore Concessions Stand.
- ◆ The addition of free, public lockers for beach-goers.
- ◆ The rebuild of the swim dock and pier, with the addition of water features to the swim dock such as water guns and a drinking fountain.
- ◆ The installation of a large aquatic playground near the swim dock, providing swimmers with the opportunity to climb, slide and jump into the water.

“The Bayshore area offers basketball, handball, swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, gondola rides, and now the new aquatic playground,” said Councilwoman Suzie Price. “I look forward to seeing families out together in Bayshore enjoying this upgraded shoreline space.”

The completion of the Leeway Pier and Bayshore area improvements comes as Heal the Bay released its most recent water quality report in June giving the Bayshore area an A+ water quality rating.

“Swimability in Long Beach has never been better. Our City has made many improvements along the shoreline to increase usability of our city’s beaches and waterways,” said City Manager Pat West.

In the coming years, more improvements will be made to the surrounding area including reconstruction of the existing Bayshore Lifeguard Station. The City is also working with Los Angeles County to relocate the storm drain pipes underground that separate Leeway Pier from the Bayshore swim dock.





## Be SAFE Programs Activating Parks This Summer

The **“Be SAFE” (Summer Activities in a Friendly Environment)** program supports neighborhoods by extending supervision hours at designated parks during the evening 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. By keeping selected parks activated in the evening hours, residents have many options for recreation and spending time together. The program began on June 18 and will be offered Monday through Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. through August 24. For more information visit [www.long-beach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/summer-family-entertainment/be-safe-programs](http://www.long-beach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/summer-family-entertainment/be-safe-programs)



*Be SAFE offers active fun like Duck Duck Goose at Bixby Park.*



*Youngsters hone their T-ball skills at Houghton Park.*



*Workshops presented by Mad Science let curious kids and families discover the world around them.*



*Chess, checkers and other board games are fun to play with new friends at Be SAFE nights.*



*Kids look forward to pre-movie fun at Be SAFE events.*



*The Port of Long Beach sponsors free family friendly movies each week at Be SAFE events.*

### Be SAFE Program Park Locations

Admiral Kidd	2125 Santa Fe Ave.	570.1600
Bixby	130 Cherry Ave.	570.1601
Drake	951 Maine Ave.	570.1625
Houghton	6301 Myrtle Ave.	570.1640
M.L. King Jr.	1950 Lemon Ave.	570.4405
Orizaba	2937 E. 14 <sup>th</sup> St.	570.1427
Pan American	5157 Centralia St.	570.1660
Ramona	3301 E. 65 <sup>th</sup> St.	570.1665
Scherer Park	4600 Long Beach Blvd.	570.8688
Seaside Park	14 <sup>th</sup> St. at Chestnut Ave.	570.5162
Silverado Park	1545 W. 31 <sup>st</sup> St.	570.1675

### Be SAFE Movies Sponsored by the Port of Long Beach

July 19:	Pirates of the Caribbean: Deadmen Tell No Tales	Scherer Park
July 26:	Star Wars: Last Jedi	Drake Park
August 2:	Spiderman Homebound	Houghton Park
August 9:	Thor: Ragnarock	Orizaba Park
August 16:	Transformers: Last Knight	Ramona Park
August 21:	Black Panther	M.L. King Jr. Park
August 23:	Black Panther	Silverado Park

# PRM Staff Support Residents Displaced Due to Tragedy

On June 25, PRM staff in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Red Cross opened a shelter at Silverado Park for residents displaced during the investigation of a shooting at the Covenant Manor in Downtown Long Beach, in which Long Beach Fire Captain David Rosa, was killed and two others injured.

Maintenance Operations and Community Recreation Services staff mobilized cots, tables, hygiene kits, water, tables, and emergency supplies at the Silverado Park Gymnasium. The Red Cross support included arranging for food service. Mental health and nursing staff from HSS were available and the Long Beach Police Department provided security. Long Beach Animal Care Services staff helped the evacuated seniors care for their pets.



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

Permits to Gather.....	183
Reserved Picnic Sites.....	26
Number of Contract Classes (Winter).....	496
Facility Use Permits Issued.....	69
Field Use Permits Issued.....	55
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes.....	896
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries.....	12,667
Adult Sports League Participants (Winter).....	36,689
Visits to City Pools.....	20,065
Youth and Teen Participants.....	12,542
Senior Citizen Participants.....	21,436
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center.....	30,122



# 100 Days of Summer Continues with Free Concerts in the Park

Live music is playing in every Long Beach neighborhood this summer! For more information, visit [www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/summer-family-entertainment/concerts-in-the-park](http://www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/summer-family-entertainment/concerts-in-the-park).

July 14	4 p.m.	Boxcar7	(Blues & Soul)	Orizaba Park
July 21	4 p.m.	Kool Kats	(Classic Rock)	Veterans Park
July 21	2 p.m.	Long Beach Community Band	(Orchestra)	Chavez Park
July 26	6:30 p.m.	JP McDermott & Western BOP	(Rockabilly)	El Dorado Nature Center
July 28	4 p.m.	Rockabilly Band	(Rockabilly)	Promenade Park
July 30	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Community Band	(Orchestra)	Admiral Kidd Park
August 4	4 p.m.	Blues and BBQ	(Blues)	DeForest Park
August 8	6:30 p.m.	Elm Street Band	(Classic Rock)	Los Cerritos Park
Sponsored by the Offices of Councilmembers Roberto Uranga and Al Austin and the Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association				
August 9	6:30 p.m.	Jumping Jack Flash	(Rolling Stones Tribute)	Marine Stadium
Sponsored by the Office of Councilmember Suzie Price				
August 9	6:30 p.m.	Sligo Rags	(Celtic Rock)	El Dorado Nature Center
August 10	6:30 p.m.	Elm Street Band	(Classic Rock)	El Dorado Park West
August 10	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Community Band	(Orchestra)	Stearns Champions Park
August 11	4 p.m.	Totally for Sure	(Sounds of the '80s)	Bixby Knolls Park
August 15	6:30 p.m.	Sounds of the 7th	(Classic Rock)	Los Cerritos Park
Sponsored by the Offices of Councilmembers Roberto Uranga and Al Austin and the Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association				
August 17	6:30 p.m.	Knyght Ryder	('80s and '90s)	El Dorado Park West
Sponsored by the Office of Councilwoman Stacy Mungo				
August 18	4 p.m.	Elm Street Band	(Classic Rock)	Marine Stadium
August 19	4 p.m.	The Band Fresh	(Latin)	Grace Park
Sponsored by the Office of Councilmember Al Austin				
August 20	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Community Band	(Orchestra)	Veterans Park
August 23	6:30 p.m.	The Salty Suites	(Acoustic/Bluegrass)	El Dorado Nature Center
August 25	3:30 p.m.	The Emperors	(Classic Rock)	Whaley Park
Sponsored by the Office of Councilman Daryl Supernaw				
August 25	6 p.m.	Family Night Out free concert and movie "Coco"		Silverado Park
Sponsored by Councilmember Roberto Uranga				
Sept. 7	6:30 p.m.	Knyght Ryder	('80s and '90s)	Marine Stadium
Sponsored by the Office of Councilmember Suzie Price				

*Community Concerts*



*El Dorado Nature Center Concerts*



*Long Beach Community Band*



# Summer Food Program Serving Youth Throughout the City



For the 39th year in a row, Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is offering the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for children and youth. The SFSP continues the free lunch programs offered during the school year by Long Beach Unified School District, and

can make the summer school break a healthy and fun experience.

“The Summer Food Service Program helps to ensure that children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session,” said Mayor Robert Garcia. “Thanks to the staff at Parks, Recreation and Marine, our youth will be served at 29 locations throughout Long Beach.”

The SFSP began on June 18 and will be offered through August 17, 2018. Free meals will be available to all attending children and youth who are one to 18-years-old. Infant meals will not be served. Program locations, hours and menus are available at: [www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/youth-and-teen-programs/usda-summer-food-program](http://www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/youth-and-teen-programs/usda-summer-food-program).

The USDA began the SFSP to fill the nutrition gap for children from low-income areas. Many children who qualify

for free and reduced-price meals during the regular school year typically do not have access to these meals during school breaks. However, through the SFSP, children in an eligible area can go to their school, a park, or another approved SFSP site, and receive free lunches during their school break.

When coupled with a physical and/or academic activity, serving sites can also provide children with a safe and supervised learning environment. Even without an organized activity, children can still benefit from the opportunity to meet with friends or make new ones under responsible adult supervision.

The community can access information about USDA civil rights regulations and policies regarding the SFSP, as well as find contact information for the USDA by visiting <https://bit.ly/2LRRrn8>.



## Employee of the Month: Oscar Alaniz



Congratulations to Oscar Alaniz, from the Maintenance Operations Bureau, on receiving the Employee of the Month honor for the month of May.

Oscar was born and raised in Long Beach. As a child he was a regular participant at MacArthur, King and McBride Parks. He says his favorite park amenity was the medal rocket ship at MacArthur Park. After graduating from Millikan High School, he started working for the

City of Long Beach in the Department of Public Works. He transferred to Parks, Recreation and Marine in 2012.

In his free time Oscar enjoys fishing, boating, hiking and riding his motorcycle.

He was promoted to Maintenance Assistant II in 2014 and General Maintenance Assistant in 2016. For the past two years Oscar has stepped up into the role of Facility Maintenance Supervisor that was left unexpectedly vacant. He went above and beyond to keep the team enthusiastic and on task to ensure that all facility maintenance needs were met while continuing to perform his role as project coordinator. Oscar is dependable and showed outstanding skills in guiding the team towards achieving the Department's goals. He possesses the knowledge to understand the capabilities of his team and schedules tasks and delegates to the right people to get tasks done on time. Oscar is an asset to the Facility Maintenance team and this honor is well deserved.



# Beaches and Marinas Update

## Marine Bureau Boat Auction

The Marine Bureau held a boat auction at the Alamitos Bay Marina on June 9 to sell impounded and abandoned vessels that included kayaks, paddle boards, inflatables and boat equipment and accessories. More than 200 eager seafarers arrived at 8 a.m. to inspect the vessels before the auction began at 9 a.m. as all items were offered “as is - where is.” The auction netted \$23,022. The most expansive boat sold for \$9,000 and the biggest boat sold was a 50’ sailboat.

For more information about the Boat Auction, call 562.570.3215. To receive a notification for the next auction, sign up for Link LB at [www.longbeach.gov/linklb](http://www.longbeach.gov/linklb).



## Queensway/Beach Maintenance Staff Tackle 4th of July Cleanup

Guests from all over came down to Alamitos Bay and local beaches to enjoy the summer weather during the day and watch 4th of July fireworks shows on July 3 and 4. The Marine Bureau Beach and Queensway Bay Maintenance teams pulled together to handle the cleanup after the large crowds. The Leeway Sailing Center offered extra trash bags and Marine Bureau Administration also pitched in to help clean the Bayshore area.

Staff was able to get the areas “95%” back to normal on July 5 with only a few areas to address the next day.



## By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations Bureau - May 2018

### Community Service Workers (CSW) program

Total Number of persons enrolled during May.....	53
Total number of CSW Hours for May.....	1,731
Total number of hours worked at Queensway Bay.....	0
(Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup)	
Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance.....	152
(Litter pickup on beaches, parking lots, Belmont Pool, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula)	
Total number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance.....	605
(Litter pickup at Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and custodial work)	
Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas.....	261
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)	
Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm.....	12
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility)	
Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands.....	264
(Litter and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon)	

Total number of hours worked at special clean-ups.....448  
(Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs and community events)

Work orders completed.....	623
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis .....	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 June 2018	
Parks and Street Island Potable.....	\$94,155
Parks and Street Island Reclaimed.....	\$68,002

# July - August 2018 Calendar of Events

## July

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
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	Scherer Park
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
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
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 Center
	Dusk	Be SAFE Movie: Star Wars: Last Jedi	Drake Park
Fri. 27	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
	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
Mon. 30	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Coco	Admiral Kidd Park
Tue. 31	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Ramona Park

## August

Wed. 1	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Coco	MacArthur Park
Th. 2:	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
	Dusk:	Be SAFE Movie: Spiderman Homebound	Houghton Park
Fri. 3:	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Coco	Chavez Park
Sat. 4:	4 p.m.	Community Concert: Blues and BBQ	DeForest Park
Mon. 6:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: The Nut Job 2	Somerset Park
Wed. 8:	6:30 p.m.	Community Concert: Elm Street Band	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: The Nut Job 2	Coolidge Park
Th. 9:	6:30 p.m.	Community Concert: Jumping Jack Flash	Marine Stadium
	6:30 p.m.	*Concert: Sligo Rags	El Dorado Nature Center
	Dusk	Be SAFE Movie: Thor: Ragnarock	Orizaba Park
Fri. 10:	6:30 p.m.	Community Concert: Elm Street Band	El Dorado Park West
	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Community Band	Stearns Champions Park
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: The Nut Job 2	Stearns Champions Park
Sat. 11:	4 p.m.	Community Concert: Totally for Sure	Bixby Knolls Park
Mon. 13:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Sherlock Gnomes	Heartwell Park
Wed. 15:	6:30 p.m.	Community Concert: Sounds of the 7th	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Sherlock Gnomes	McBride Park
Th. 16:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Transformers: Last Knight	Ramona Park
Fri. 17:	6:30 p.m.	Community Concert: Knyght Ryder	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Sherlock Gnomes	Scherer Park
Sat. 18:	4 p.m.	Community Concert: Elm Street Band	Marine Stadium
Sun. 19:	4 p.m.	The Band Fresh	Grace Park
Mon. 20:	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Community Band	Veterans Park
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: A Wrinkle in Time	Veterans Park
Tue. 21:	Dusk	Be SAFE Movie: Black Panther	M.L.King Jr. Park
Wed. 22:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: A Wrinkle in Time	Veterans Park
Th. 23:	6:30 p.m.	*Concert: Salty Suites	El Dorado Nature Center c
	Dusk	Be SAFE Movie: Black Panther	Silverado Park
Fri. 24:	6 p.m.	100 Days of Summer Finale Concert – Trinity	Marine Stadium
Sat. 25:	3:30 p.m.	Community Concert: The Emperors	Whaley Park
	6 p.m.	Family Night Out: Concert and the Movie "Coco	Silverado Park

\* Call for registration and fee information.



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