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Long Beach Animal Care Services Adopt "Compassion Saves" Operating Model







Adoption Programs

Outreach Efforts

Facility Improvements

The Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS) Compassion Saves Policy is an operational direction for LBACS that will support the goal to reduce euthanasia and increase pet adoption rates.

This approach was presented to the Long Beach City Council at a Study Session on April 16 and included updates on implementation of audit recommendations, current policies and polices to be included in the LBACS Strategic Plan.

Staff reviewed the mission of ACS to:

- 1) Serve, protect, and shelter lost, abandoned and homeless companion animals
- 2) Place animals into humane environments
- 3) Promote responsible pet ownership and reduce animal over population
- 4) Celebrate the human/animal bond

While LBACS statistics have trended favorable over the last 9-10 years showing a 49 percent decrease in shelter admissions, an 82 percent decrease in euthanasia, a 78 percent increase in adoptions, and an overall 54 percent increase in combined adoptions for cats and dogs, the

Compassion Saves approach will position LBACS to be an even more successful operation and a more forward thinking shelter by committing that no healthy or treatable animal will be euthanized without an aggressive search for a positive outcome.

In addition, the new policy calls for:

A stronger commitment to foster care, behavior and training programs.

Support for spay and neuter, and adoption programs.

Pet retention programs and education to help with issues that could result in a pet being surrendered to the shelter.

Establishing a non-profit organization to raise private funds for LBACS.

Maintain LBACS as open admissions to accommodate all unwanted and homeless pets.

Strengthening collaborations with the community, rescue partners, and volunteers.

For more information about LBACS, visit www.long-beach.gov/acs and Facebook: LongBeachAnimalCare, and Instagram and Twitter: @LBAnimalCare.

Summer Class and Specialty Camp Registration Going On Now



Registration for new recreation classes offered by Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) starts May 6. More than 400 classes in art, music, nature, fitness, special interest subjects, and adult sports leagues and aquatics programs will be offered starting in June. These programs help children to develop socially and

become prepared for school, and provide fun options for all ages to exercise, explore new hobbies and improve work place skills.

In addition to great fee-based classes, the "Recreation Connection" also lists dozens of free and low-cost activities, including Summer Fun Day programs for youth and Be SAFE (Summer Activities in a Friendly Environment) for families at 11 local parks open for extended evening hours, youth sports leagues, and teen centers and senior centers. A park directory with listings of amenities and activities at over 50 parks is included. Look for the publication in your mailbox, stop by a local library or park community center to pick one up, or find the digital version at www.lbparks.org.

"I am excited about all the great summer programs PRM is offering throughout the city," said Parks, Recreation and Marine Director Gerardo Mouet. "From week-long theme camps for kids, free family programs at parks, and events planned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the El Dorado Nature Center, there are hundreds of ways to make this a memorable summer."

PRM is offering dozens of week-long specialty camps in art, filmmaking, engineering, sports and more. Kids can have lots of new experiences and the weekly time frames can help families to schedule around busy summers.

Art and Crafts

Averyboo Art: Explore drawing, painting. mixed media and sculpting. Ages 7-10. 7/29-8/2.

Crayola World of Design: Sketch ideas to colorfully solve problems Ages 5-12. 6/17-6/21 and 8/19-8/23.

Jurassic Art: Paint and draw amazing creatures from pre-historic times. Ages 5-12. 7/16-7/19.

Star Wars Art: Use various art media to create Star Wars themed art. Ages 5-12. 7/29-8/2.

Pottery: Learn to pinch pots and use a wheel. Ages 6-13. Weekly sessions from 6/17 - 8/23.

Nailed It! Use basic tools to make book ends, tool boxes, bird houses and more. Ages 7-12. 7/15-7/19.

Bixby Clay: Learn ceramics through sculpting, hand-building, and glazing. Ages 8-12. 7/29-8/2.

Percy Jackson: Write, act, draw and tackle physical challenges. Ages 8-13. 7/15-19 & 7/22-26.



Harry Potter &

Hogwarts: Writing, art, games and Potter fun. Ages 8-13. 6/24-28 & 7/8-12.

ry & Magic: Investigate the world of young

Harry Potter. Ages 6-12. 7/29-8/2.

Filmmaking

Action Flix: Use a green screen, camera tricks & FX to create adventure movie. Ages 7-12. 7/8-7/12.

Minecraft Movie Flix: Storyboard, shoot and voice-over a stop motion film. Ages 7-12. 7/8-12.



Create stop motion movies using dino-

saurs, Play Doh, or jewels. Ages 7-12. 8/5-8/9.

Green Screen Lego Flix: Transport their Lego worlds using green screen & stop motion. Ages 7-12. 8/5-9.

Lego Super Heroes: Create Lego hero movies using the art of stop-motion animation. Ages 6-13. 7/8-12.

Minecraft Claymation World: Create films with stop motion, sets and voice overs. Ages 6-13. 8/19-23.

Minecraft Movie Making: Use ipods and Legos to create Minecraft-themed movies. Ages 6-13. 6/17-21.

Star Wars Claymation Galaxy: Use ipods, clay and imagination to film Star Wars flix, Ages 6-13. 7/29-8/2.



Cooking

Celebrity Chef Favorites: Learn culinary skills nutrition, culture, and dining etiquette. Ages 6-10. 7/15-19. Five Ingredient Feast: Make delicious and healthy

dishes using only 5 ingredients! Ages 6-10. 8/12-16.

Summer Specialty Camps

Top Junior Chef: Cook in teams to open a restaurant in one week! Ages 7-12. 6/24-28; 7/22-26; 8/5-9.

Dance and Music

Enchanted Princess: Sing, dance and create costumes for show at camp's end. Ages 4-7. 7/15-19.

Hip Hop Dance: Breaking' and tumbling' and fun for all. Ages 5-12. 7/8-12; 7/29-8/2.

Long Beach Summer Music Academy: Band and orchestra students. Ages 10-14. 6/17-8/19.

Perfect Pixie & Fabulous Fairies Dance: Dance, play games and perform. Ages 4-7. 7/22-7/26.

RockStar PopStar: Learn lyrics and hip hop moves to pop songs to perform. Ages 5-12. 7/15-19.

Science and Engineering

Brixology: Explore mechanical engineering as you build vehicles with Legos. Ages 7-12. 6/17-21.

Crazy Chemworks: Break molecules and have high-speed science fun. Ages 5-12. 6/24-28; 8-12-16.

Escape Room: Use Codes, riddles, puzzles and devices explore flow of escape rooms. Ages 8-13. 7/15-19.

Eureka: Overcome challenges using basic materials, machines, and inventor tips. Ages 5-12. 6/24-28.

Fungineering, Mix Ups & More! See the science in skyscrapers, bridges and tunnels. Ages 5-12. 8/12-16

Introduction to Robotics: Build and experiment with different robot designs. Ags 8-12. 8/19-23.

Jedi Engineering with Legos: Design and build X-wings, R2 units, and more. Ages 5-7. 7/1-3.

Jedi Master Engineering with Legos: Build galactic structures with engineering skills. Ages 7-12. 7/1-3.

Robotics using Lego EV3 System: Build and program robots with Mindstorms EV3!
Ages 9-12. 8/12-16.

Robotics using Lego WeDo System: Build and program robots using Lego WeDo. Ages 7-9. 8/12-16.



Secret Agent Lab: Use the Secret Code Breaker to solve a crime. Ages 5-12. 7/22-7/26.

Wings & Things: Design, build kites, planes, rockets, hovercrafts and more. Ages 5-12. 7/22-26.

Fitness and Sports

Extreme Team Challenge: Compete using, team skills, luck and guts. Ages 7-12. 7/8-12.

Hunger Games: Learn survival and team skills, and join in the fun of Hunger Games. Ages 8-13. 7/8-12.

Mini-Hawk Multi-Sport: Positive first step into Baseball, basketball and soccer. Ages 4-6. 8/12-16.

Skyhawks Basketball: Beg. to Int. players learn and responsibility and improve skills. Ages 7-12. 7/1-3.

Soccer Full Day: Practices, games, competitions, challenges, and fun. Ages 8-14. 6/24-28; 8/12-16

Soccer Half Day: Skill development, small sided games, and fun! Ages 5-9 and 10-14. 6/24-28; 8/12-16.

STEM + Minecraft with Legos: Build machines and portals to the Nether, Creepers and Minecarts. Ages 5-7. 6/24-28.

STEM Challenge + Minecraft with Lego: build cars, gondolas, and merry-go-rounds. Ages 7-12. 8/5-9

Skateboarding: Advance skills and have fun! Ages 5-13. 7/15-19; 7/22-26; 8/12-8/16; 8/19-23.

TGA Premier Floor Hockey: Fun drills, games and scrimmages. Ages 5-13. 6/10-14; 7/15-19.

TGA Premier Golf: instruction, daily play. Ages 5-13. 6/3-7; 6/17-21; 7/8-12; 7/22-26; 8/5-9; 8/19-23.

TGA Premier Lacrosse: instruction, drills, games and scrimmages. Ages 9-15. 6/24-28; 7/29-8/2.

TGA Premier Ultimate Frisbee: Learn to play and improve skills. Ages 5-13. 6/10-14; 7/15-19.

TGA Premier Volleyball: Instruction and daily games. Ages 5-13. 6/10-14; 7/15-19.

Tiny Tykes: Introduction to soccer focusing on games and coordination. Ages 3-5. 6/24-28; 8/12-16.



Zombie vs Humans: Prepare for anything with team work and wilderness skills. Ages 6-12. 7/29-8/2.

There are three easy ways to register including:

Visit www.lbparks.org and clicking on "Online Registration" under "LB RecConnect."

Call 562.570.3111.

Visit the Registration Reservations Office at 2760 North Studebaker Rd., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Earth Day Beach Cleanup



El Dorado Nature Center held their annual Earth Day Beach Cleanup on April 20. The event reflected their mission to encourage environmental stewardship and to educate the public about the need to protect our beaches and waterways.

A total of 390 volunteers worked to clear more than 610 pounds of trash from

around Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, Cherry Beach and the Peninsula at 72nd Place.

The event was held in partnership with Algalita, an organization dedicated to preventing plastic pollution and Clean LB, an organization that coordinates community beach cleanups. Both groups served as site captains to assist Nature Center staff with the multiple locations.

For more information about beach cleanup events sponsored by El Dorado Nature Center, call 562.570.1745.







By the Numbers: Community Recreation Services March 2019

Permits to Gather	56
Reserved Picnic Sites	9
Facility Use Permits	9
Field Use Permits Issued	365
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	17,563
El Dorado Regional Park Passes	26,051
Visits to City/ City Operated LBUSD Pools	0
Youth and Teen Participants	0
Senior Citizens Participants	474
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center	413

Senior Advisory Commission Member Celebrates Milestone Birthday



Congratulations to Senior Advisory Commission member Winifred "Wini" Carter on her 100th birthday! Wini has served on the Commission since 2014. She serves on the Commission's Standing Committees for Crime Prevention and Safety, and Housing.

Wini came to Long Beach in 1971 and immediately be-

came active in the community. She became a member of the Long Beach Police Reserves and Senior Police Partners.

She has been an active volunteer with Meals on Wheels, St Mary Medical Center, the former North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Committee and St. Luke's Episcopal Church's homeless outreach programs. She has been involved in the senior programming at the Long Beach Expo since its opening in 2016.

In 1991, at the age of 71 she enrolled in California State University at Dominguez Hill and earned a degree in English.

She has received many honors including in 2016 at the Los Angeles County Annual Older Americans Recognition Day for her efforts to enhance the quality of life for senior citizens. She was named "Senior of the Year" at Long Beach City College in 1998. She was the Grand Marshall of the 2017 Long Beach Veterans Day Parade.

She was instrumental in establishing scholarship programs for the Black Police Officers Association and Long Beach Poly High School.

As Councilman Austin stated at a City Council recognition for Wini on April 23, "She is an inspiration for her civic engagement, generous spirit and passion for lifelong learning."

Maintenance Operations Bureau Numbers For April

Community Service Workers Program

Provided below are the attendance figures for the Community Service Worker Program for the month of April:

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

Total number of CSW hours for the month of April:2,340.50

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.

Know Your Long Beach Parks: Bluff Park

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Bluff Park is one of the most beautiful parks in Long Beach with a view of the Pacific Ocean. Joggers, strollers, dog walkers and yoga enthusiasts are among those who visit this park frequently. Here is a timeline of the development of Bluff Park.

History

1919: The 11.16 park area was donated to the City of Long Beach by the Alamitos Land Company

1946: Fencing removed and sidewalks restored after Army occupation during World War II.

1950: City purchases .30-acres south of Ocean Blvd between 19th and 20th Places that included the Elizabeth Milbank Anderson house, used by the Navy during World War II as an Officer's club.

1954: Milbank Anderson house remodeled to become the Long Beach Museum of Art.

1970's: Long Beach settles lawsuit with developer, whose high rise project would have obstructed views.

1984: Long Beach acquires final 3.6 acres of Bluff Park from Redondo Avenue to 36th Place.

2000: Long Beach Museum of Art carriage house was moved from 19th Place to the bluff edge, and a museum gallery building constructed on its former site.

2004: Lone Sailor Memorial was erected in the park.

2009: Efforts to mitigate erosion and restore beauty and habitat to the bluff began.

2014: Improvements to Bluff Park were completed that included new grass and an irrigation system south of Ocean Boulevard between Junipero and Cherry avenues, new staircases and an ADA-accessible path to the beach that connect to the Beach Pedestrian Path, and new lighting, emergency call boxes and drought-tolerant landscaping.







Dan The Bunny Man



The Long Beach Marine Bureau will be holding an auction of impounded and abandoned vessels on Saturday, June 8th at the Alamitos Bay Marina Office, 205 N. Marina Drive.

Inspection and registration begins at 8 a.m., bidding begins at 9 a.m. Full payment is due the day of the sale, no later than 11 a.m. No refunds or adjustments. Payment may be made with cash or credit card. (Visa or Master card). All items offered "As Is-Where Is." All sales are final. There is no warranty either specific or implied as to the condition of the items offered for sale and we reserve the right to reject any offer or withdraw any item from the sale. No vessels sold at the auction will be allowed in the City of Long Beach marinas for a period of six months. For more information call Vilma Hernandez at (562) 570-3215 or e-mail vilma.hernandez@longbeach.gov.



While dogs & cats get most of the attention here at our shelter, we also care for rabbits as well. They even have their own special area...Bunny Barn Park! Our Bunny Barn was built by Jason Barnes as an Eagle Scout project in 2014 and our Park's department built an official City park sign for it.

Our tiny park and barn are managed by senior volunteer Dan "The Bunny Man." Dan has been a volunteer here at the shelter for over 8 years and can usually be seen caring for our rabbits on any given Saturday. Dan is instrumental in providing assistance with rabbit adoptions, rescues, transport, medical and education. When he is not attending to rabbits, he halos



not attending to rabbits, he helps out wherever there is a need. His knowledge, service, love and care for our shelter are invaluable. Dan, you are clearly "The Man!"

Dan's volunteerism was recognized in 2015 with a "Go Long Beach Award from Mayor Robert Garcia for his outstanding work at the shelter.

Start the 100 Days of Summer with a free concert by Under Cover at Marine Stadium, 5255 Paoli Way on Friday, May 24

Get ready for a high-energy dance music featuring Pop, Rock, Soul, Funk, Latin, R&B. Top 40 and favorites from the '50's to present day.

The fun will begin at 5 p.m. with a Kids Zone leading up to the free concert from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs and picnic dinners and relax on the lawn for a great evening of family fun. several food trucks will be available. This concert kicks off our 10th year of 100 Days of Summer (1000 Days!)



Fireworks Are Illegal In The City of Long Beach

Anyone cited or arrested for violations may be faced with a \$1000 fine, sentenced to jail for 6 months or both.

In order to keep the City's residents and visitors safe, only permitted professional fireworks shows are allowed. All personal fireworks, even those deemed "safe and sane," are illegal in the City of Long Beach.



May-June 2019 Calendar

May			
Sat. 11	9:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Spring Garden Workshop*	Rancho Los Alamitos
	10 a.m.	Long Beach Lawn Bowling Open House	1109 Federation Drive
Sun. 12	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 14	7 p.m.	Family Nightlife Walk*	El Dorado Nature Center
	1, 3, 5 p.m.		Rancho Los Alamitos
Th. 16	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Pet Vaccination & Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 18	10 a.m.	Wetland Warrior Cleanup	Golden Shore Reserve
Fri. 24	6 p.m.	Free 1000 Days of Summer Concert with Under Cover	Marine Stadium
Mon. 27	•	Memorial Day Holiday	
June		,	
Th. 6	4 p.m.	Pet Vaccination & Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 8	7:30 p.m.	Liars, Thieves and Chocolate Storytelling Event*	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 12	•	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
Th. 13	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Yacht Club
	6:30 p.m.	Concert - J.P. McDermott & Western Bopp*	El Dorado Nature Center
Sat. 15	noon.	Free Community – Father's Day BBQ & Concert	Ramona Park
Sun. 16	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park Senior Center
Mon. 17	11 a.m.	Free Youth Fun Day Recreation Activities (M-F)	Locations at www.lbparks.org
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park – "How to Train Your Dragon"	Pan American Park
Tue. 18	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park – Avenger's Infinity War	Admiral Kidd Park
Wed. 19	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park – "How to Train Your Dragon"	M.L. King Jr., Park
Th. 20	4 p.m.	Pet Vaccination & Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park
	6:30 p.m.	Free Concert – Long Beach Community Band	Bixby Park
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park – Avenger's Infinity War	Bixby Park
Fri. 21	5:30	Summer Solstice and 40th Anniversary Celebration	El Dorado Nature Center
	6 p.m.	Free Community Concert – Kid's Imagination	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park – "How to Train Your Dragon"	Chavez Park
Sat. 22	9 a.m.	Volunteer Park Cleanup Event	El Dorado Regional Park
Mon. 24	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park – "Happy Feet"	Signal Hill Park
Tue. 25	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Whaley Park
Wed. 26	•	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park – "Happy Feet"	Coolidge Park
Th. 27	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
	6:30 p.m.	Concert – Steel Parade*	El Dorado Nature Center
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park – Lego Movie 2	Drake Park
Fri. 28	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park – "Happy Feet"	Whaley Park
Sat. 29	4 p.m.	Free Community Concert – Star 69	Lower Drake Park
	7 p.m.	Astronomy event & movie – Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind	El Dorado Nature Center

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