

# We Create Community



## Grand Re-Opening of K-9 Corner Dog Park Held



*L-R: South Division Commander Jeff Liberman, Former Parks, Recreation and Marine Director Gerardo Mouet, Councilwoman Mary Zendejas, Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair David Zanatta, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Mariela Salgado, Manager of PRM Maintenance Operations Hurley Owens and members of the North Pine community cut the ribbon to officially reopen the park.*

The public celebrated the grand re-opening of the K-9 Corner Dog Park on December 18. The newly rehabilitated park uses drought tolerant-landscaping and generates 100% of its electricity on site with solar energy and features water fountains for people and dogs, seating, and separate areas for large and small dogs. It is one of ten dog parks located throughout the City. Approximately \$27,000 was contributed from Council District 1 one-time dedicated funds for the rehabilitation.

Additional play space for dogs was created by removing a boardwalk path and planter. Additional lighting to improve visibility in and around the park and drought tolerant landscaping were incorporated into the project to enhance the openness of the space. To complete the upgrades, staff installed a new decorative metal mesh fence.



The park originally opened in September 2009 as the result of a partnership between residents in the north Pine Avenue area of Long Beach, the Metropolitan Transit Authority and former Long Beach Redevelopment Agency.

## Stephen P. Scott Named Interim Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine



Stephen Scott has been named as the Interim Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM). The City will conduct a national recruitment for the next Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine.

Mr. Scott is currently the Deputy Director for PRM, and has previously served the City as the Interim Director. Prior to his move to PRM he was the Customer Services Manager in the

Department of Technology and Innovation; Assistant to the City Manager; and Administrative Analyst in the City's Budget Office. Mr. Scott holds a Master's Degree in Public Management from the University of Wisconsin, Madison's LaFollette School of Public Affairs, and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is a Long Beach resident.

On Dec. 5, 2019, the City announced that Gerardo Mouet, current Director of PRM, was retiring. His last day with the City of Long Beach was Jan. 31, 2020.



Registration for new Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine (PRM) recreation classes is going on now. The PRM spring “Recreation Connection” has information about fee-based classes in art, music, nature, fitness, special interest subjects, and adult sports leagues and aquatics programs starting in March. The issue also features free activities for youth, teens and senior citizens, youth indoor soccer leagues and registration for summer day camps. Look for the publication in your mailbox, at a park community center or City library or see the online version at LBParks.org. New classes include:

**Preschool:** The Tiny Tiger Martial Arts White Belt program teaches children balance coordination and confidence. (6-6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays from March 2-26, April 6-30 or May 4-28). U.S. Taekwondo Academy, 12233 Centralia St., Lakewood.



**Youth:** TGA (Tech, Grow, Achieve) Premier Golf Camp instructs youth on course play, and includes STEM concepts and Friday family skills days. (9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday during spring break, April 13-17). Bixby Village Golf Course, 6180 Bixby Village Dr., Long Beach.

TGA Premier Volleyball Camp instructs youth on court play, and includes STEM concepts and Friday family skills days. (9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday during spring break, April 13-17). Class held at Edison Park, 99 College Park Drive, Seal Beach.

Food Science introduces the scientific method, food science careers, flavors and ingredients, and food safety. (2-2:45 p.m. on Saturdays from March 7-28, April 4-25 or May 2-23). El Dorado Park West.

Readwrite en Español focuses on the Spanish alphabet, number names, vocabulary, reading, spelling and math skills. Full Spanish immersion. (3-3:45 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 3-26, March 31- April 30 or May 5-28). Bixby Knolls Park.

**Adult:** Drawing Fundamentals: Emphasis on Fun teaches line drawing, negative space, sighting and measuring, perspective and shading techniques. (2:30-4:30 p.m., Sundays from March 8-April 5 or April 19 – May 24. El Dorado Park West. Sandy's Secret Quilt Project focuses on a new quilt project each month, or students may work on their own project. Bring sewing machine. (12:30-4:30 p.m., Sundays from March 8-May 17). Wardlow Park.

Capoeira, is a dynamic hybrid of martial arts, music, dance and acrobatics. (7:45-9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 3-31, April 2-30 or May 5-28). The Centre, 5000 Clark Ave., Lakewood.



Power Tae Remix Fitness combines Taekwondo and kickboxing for a fun fitness challenge focused on cardiovascular health. (7:10-8 p.m. on Thursdays from March 5-26, April 2-30 and May 7-28) U.S. Taekwondo Academy, 12233 Centralia St., Lakewood.

Pure Pilates mat class tones while building strength where needed. All levels welcome. Bring an exercise mat. (9-10 a.m., Thursdays from March 5-26, April 2-30 or May 7-28). Wardlow Park.

Hatha Flow Yoga – Using a Chair as a Prop makes specific actions or poses accessible to those who may have physical limitations. (11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays or Thursdays from March 3-31, April 2-30 or May 5-28). Recreation Park.

Chair Based Yoga - For all levels, class uses a chair for poses and movements. Meditation, breathing and relaxation techniques included. (9-10 a.m., Wednesdays from March 4-25, April 1-29 or May 6-27). Wardlow Park.

Functional Movement & Balance works on balance, mobility, agility, and strength using bodies and weights. (8:30-9:30 a.m., Mondays from March 2-23, March 30-April 20 or April 27-May 18). Wardlow Park.

Visit [www.LBParks.org](http://www.LBParks.org) for fees and class requirements. There are three easy ways to register for classes:

1. Visit [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org) and click on “Online Registration” under “LB RecConnect.”
2. Call 562.570.3111.
3. Visit the Registration Reservations Office at 2760 Studebaker Rd., Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Congratulations to 2019 Animal Care Services Explorer Class Graduates

Long Beach Animal Care Services Explorers program provides career training for qualified youth ages 14-19 who wish to learn about careers related to the humane treatment of animals.

The year-long program consists of monthly meetings, trainings, field trips and volunteer service that focus on animal handling, veterinary care, herd health care, rabies control, law enforcement, wildlife management, and special investigations. The explorers accumulated 1,002 volunteer hours which included kennel cleaning, adoption events, outreach events, PR events, and enrichment for animals.

Congratulations to the Explorer Class of 2019 who graduated in December under the guidance of Animal Control Officer Edna Sorenson and volunteer mentors Arianna Morrow and Nick Kefalas.



*Left to Right, Back row: Erika Rogan, Mentor Nick Kefalas, Victor Santana, Allie Livingston, Peyton Nelson, Janet Lim, Jonah Menendez. Front row: Cara Kim, Ashley Kim, Animal Control Officer Edna Sorenson, Mentor Arriana Morrow, Erick Reyes, Karen Galindo, and Yanel Galindo*

## Animal Care Services Ends Decade With Increasingly Positive Results for Animals



Long Beach Animal Care Services Bureau (ACS) continues to see positive results with its Compassion Saves approach, which it instituted in 2019. The bureau's efforts have resulted in a sharp decrease in euthanasia, a spike in adoptions and an 88% save rate for cats and dogs combined. That save rate is the highest it has been in the last decade.

ACS continues to accomplish positive results for shelter animals:

Live release for cats and dogs combined went from 79% in 2018 to 88% in 2019, well over double the percentage from 2010.

Despite an increase in kitten intakes across the country, Long Beach continues to accomplish low combined dog and cat admissions, with thousands less annually than at the start of last decade.

Total euthanasia was reduced by 33% in 2019 from the year prior; nearly 5,000 less dogs and cats are being euthanized annually than in 2010.

Adoption numbers for the ACS-operated shelter spiked with a 45% increase, with 995 in 2019 compared to 686 in 2018.

The Compassion Saves operating model makes a strong commitment to foster care, behavior and training programs, and supports spay and neuter, and adoption programs. The model seeks to support a non-profit organization to raise private funds for LBACS, maintain LBACS as open admissions facility to accommodate all unwanted and homeless pets, and strengthen collaborations with the community, rescue partners, and volunteers with the intent to save every healthy and treatable animal.

ACS has expanded opportunities for experienced volunteers to include work with animals that need specialized training or behavior modification. ACS is now better equipped to match animals who need more specialized care with programs and resources to fit their needs.

## PRM “Agents of Discovery” Phone App Recognition

Parks, Recreation and Marine’s (PRM) “Agents of Discovery” (AOD) Smart Phone App was named an “Award of Excellence” winner in the category of “Best Marketing Campaign” in the annual California Park & Recreation Society’s (CPRS) Awards program.

PRM employs the AOD smart phone app with “Missions” at DeForest Wetlands and Willow Springs to both publicize the parks and guide visitors to locations within the parks. AOD is a free augmented reality mobile game where players (“Agents”) unlock hidden geo-located challenges that can only be solved through exploration and discovery.

The Missions make visiting these parks safe, informative, and fun. AOD is kid, teen and adult-friendly, with no in-app purchases and strict privacy safeguards. AOD is a staff multiplier, allowing PRM to have a presence at these sites, without having staff actually there. Since the app’s launch in 2018, more than 500 users have been identified.

CPRS awards recognize the outstanding achievements of agencies and individuals in the areas of community improvements and programming, facility design and park planning, marketing and communications, and professional and citizen leadership. For more information, visit [www.cprs.org](http://www.cprs.org).



## Long Beach Strategic Plan Encourages Community to Share Park Stories

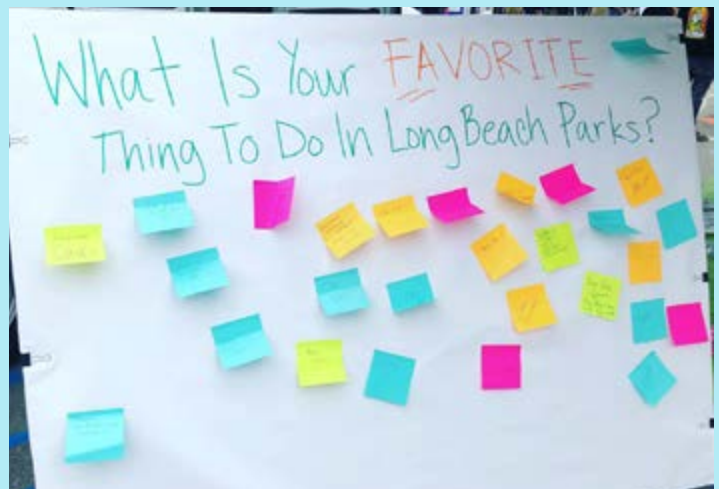
Parks, Recreation & Marine is excited to launch the first ever LBParkStories, an effort to preserve and share our community’s stories about their connection to Long Beach’s parks, beaches and programs. The context of these stories will support the development of the revised Parks, Recreation and Marine Strategic Plan, that will help guide Department priorities for the next ten years.

The stories are captured by recording an audio interview where our community members and staff talk about their cherished memories and stories that happened in our parks or beaches or took place while participating or leading our programs. The goal is to demonstrate the power of parks and the positive impact it has made in the lives of our community members and staff.



These stories will be saved in an audio database that will be made available on the City’s website and shared throughout the year and preserved for years to come.

All residents are invited to record their LBParkStory! It is open to all age groups and languages. Visit [long-beach.gov/park/business-operations/about/prm-strategic-plan](http://long-beach.gov/park/business-operations/about/prm-strategic-plan) in April for the dates and park sites where recordings will take place!



## El Dorado Regional Park Passes-A Year Round Value

Buy your annual parking pass now for the El Dorado Regional Park and El Dorado Nature Center and get unlimited vehicle entry to both areas for twelve months. The visor hanger design allows the pass to be used on more than one car within the purchaser's immediate family.

The parking pass costs are \$35 for Senior (ages 50 and up) and Disabled, \$60 Regular.

Parking passes are available for purchase at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Administration office at 2760 Studebaker Road or the El Dorado Nature Center Gift Shop, 7550 E. Spring Street.



*An archery range and two stocked fishing lakes are just a few of the outdoor activities you can enjoy at El Dorado East Regional Park.*

**EL DORADO REGIONAL PARK CLEANUP**  
4TH SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH.  
9AM-10AM

Join fellow park-lovers to clean up fishing line and other debris from our beautiful park and lakes.

Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and wear a hat and sunscreen.  
All ages welcome.

Meet in Area 3 of the park in the parking lot near the pedal boat dock.



CALL EL DORADO NATURE CENTER TO REGISTER. (562) 570-1745.

# Free Youth Indoor Soccer Leagues

**SEASON BEGINS April 18, 2020**

**Online Registration February 3-March 9, 2020 · Uniform Fee: \$10 (scholarships available)**

**INDOOR SOCCER SEASON DATES: SATURDAYS, APRIL 18-MAY 30, 2020**

**Practices begin the week of March 30 • Practices held outdoors, games held indoors.**

May 23 may be taken off in observance of Memorial Day weekend.

## Coed Soccer

### Ages 5-8 (Born 2012-2015)



## Boys Soccer

### Ages 9-14 (Born 2006-2011)



## Girls Soccer

### Ages 9-14 (Born 2006-2011)

**Please call your local park to sign up**

Admiral Kidd	570-1600
Bixby	570-1601
Chavez	570-8890
Cherry	570-1615
College Estates	570-1710
Coolidge	570-1618
Drake	570-1625
El Dorado West	570-3325

Houghton  
King  
Mac Arthur  
Mc Bride  
Orizaba  
Pan American  
Ramona

570-1640  
570-4405  
570-1655  
570-1605  
570-1427  
570-1660  
570-1665

Scherer	570-1674
Seaside	570-1625
Silverado	570-1675
Somerset	570-8915
Stearns Champions	570-1685
Veterans	570-1695
Wardlow	570-1705
Whaley	570-1710

**Visit [www.teamsideline.com/longbeach](http://www.teamsideline.com/longbeach) for registration information and links to your park site.**

**WRAP SITES: 570-3530**  
Burbank Elementary  
Edison Elementary

Garfield Elementary  
Grant Elementary  
Herrera Elementary

**Hudson (Kinder-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
**King Elementary**  
**Lafayette Elementary**

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## Know You Long Beach Parks: Marina Green

The 9.39-acre Marina Green Park located at 386 E. Shoreline Drive spans from Linden Avenue to Shoreline Village Drive. The park was built as part of the construction of the Long Beach Shoreline Marina in 1982.

Most days visitors can be seen enjoying passive recreation activities such as walking, picnicking, bird watching, fishing and enjoying views of Alamitos Beach and the Shoreline Marina. On most weekends the park is transformed into a special event venue that can accommodate up to 10,000 people. The three-acre parcel from the beach to Linden Ave can accommodate 1,000 – 2,000 and the six-acre parcel from Linden Ave to Shoreline Village Dr. can accommodate 8,000 – 10,000 depending on set up.

Charity walks and runs, pro beach volleyball events, car shows, music festivals and the annual Long Beach Pride Festival and Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach are just some of the regular activities that occur each year at Marina Green Park.



*Amgen Bicycle Tour Venue*



*DEW Extreme Sports Tour Venue*



*Festival Venue*

### By The Numbers Community Recreation Services January 2020

El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries .....	92,140
El Dorado Regional Park Passes .....	1248
Visits to City/City Operated LBUSD Pools .....	12,530

Youth and Teen Participants .....	12,973
Senior Citizens Participants .....	42,319
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center .....	47,112

### Jose Razo is the December Employee of the Month!



Congratulations Jose Razo, Maintenance Operations Bureau Custodian, on being named December Employee of the Month! Jose answered a few questions to let us know about him:

#### What do you like to do in your free time?

I like to play soccer with my brother and cousin.

#### What's your biggest work achievement so far?

Being named Employee of the Month is a big honor.

#### What's your own advice that you always follow?

Never give up! Like in soccer, never give up until the ball is out of the field.

#### Where is the most interesting place you've been?

Michoacan, Mexico

#### Who inspires you?

My dad and mom, the hardest workers I know.

#### What are you famous for at work?

Always having a smile.

#### What song is always in your head when you're working?

"La Chona" by Los Tucanes de Tijuana.

#### What's your favorite breakfast spot in Long Beach?

The Golden Star.

#### If you could have a super power what would it be?

Super speed.

#### Who would play you in a movie of your life?

The Rock!

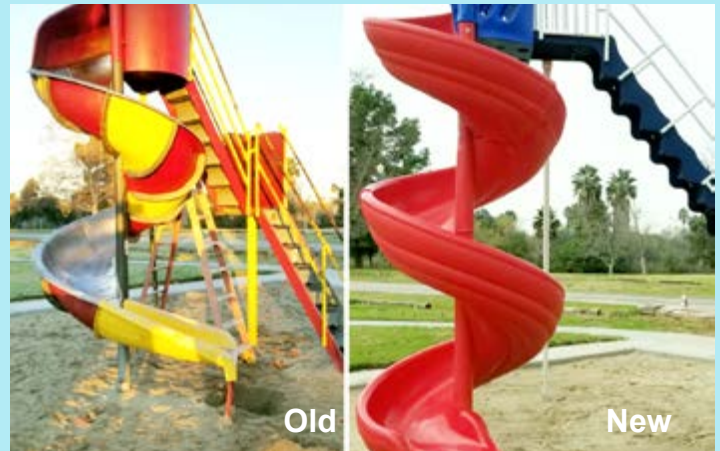
#### Using one word, how would you describe your family?

Team.

#### What song would you sing for your American Idol audition?

La Chona!

Parks, Recreation and Marine Maintenance staff recently replaced a worn piece of play equipment in the El Dorado Regional Park's Lakeview Grove. They also painted the swings to match the slide. The new play structure is fun, colorful and complies with federal playground standards.



### Maintenance Operations January 2020

#### Community Service Workers Program

Total persons enrolled for January 2020: ..... 86

Total hours worked at Beach Maintenance: ..... 203  
(Litter pickup in beach areas, parking lots, Belmont Pool area, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula area and maintenance yard)

Total hours worked at Marine Maintenance: ..... 640  
(Litter pickup around various sites including Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and assist with custodial work)

Total hours worked at El Dorado Park areas: ..... 176  
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)

Total hours worked at Tree Farm: ..... 87  
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility)

Total worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands: ..... 836  
(Litter pickup and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon and various Wetlands)

Total hours worked at special clean-ups: ..... 391  
(Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs, community events)

**Total CSW hours for the month of November: ..... 2,333**

Work orders completed: ..... 488

Restrooms cleaned daily: ..... 172

Facilities & Gyms cleaned and stocked daily: ..... 28

Park turf acres maintained: ..... 814

Park landscape acres maintained: ..... 2310

Park turf ..... 814

Park landscape ..... 2310

#### Water Use:

MOB General Fund Water report for December:

Parks Potable ..... 28,650 ..... \$84,433

Parks Reclaimed ..... 44,263 ..... \$19,921

# February-March 2020 Calendar

## February

Th. 20	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 22	9 a.m.	El Dorado Regional Park Clean Up	El Dorado Regional Park
	9:30 a.m.	House Docent Training	Rancho Los Cerritos
Tue 25	9:30 a.m.	Children's Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 26	10 a.m.	Tails and Trails (18 mos.-5 Yrs. with parents) Skunk-o-Rama*	El Dorado Nature Center
Sat. 29	Varies	New 8-wk. Sat. (2/29-4/18) Swim Lessons Begin*	Belmont Plaza and King Pools

## March

Tue. 3	Varies	New 4-wk. Tue./Th. (3/3-3/26) Swim Lessons Begin*	King Park Pool
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos
Th. 5	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 7	Varies	New 4-wk. M./W. (3/7-4/25) Swim Lessons Begin*	Silverado Pool
	10 a.m.	First Saturday Stewarts Trail Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
	10:30 a.m.	Kinder Kinzert with Camerata Singers and "Meet Mr. Bach" event*	Rancho Los Alamitos
	1 p.m.	Creation Station Youth Art Program-Free	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sun. 8	8 a.m.	El Dorado Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 9	Varies	New 4-wk. M./W. (3/9-4/1) Swim Lessons Begin*	Belmont Plaza Pool
Tue. 10	9:30 a.m.	Children's Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos
	7 p.m.	Family Nightlife Walk*	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 11	10 a.m.	Parent & Me Workshop: Lucky Charms (18 mo.-5 yrs.)*	El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 12	8 a.m.	Bird Walk	Rancho Los Cerritos
	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Yacht Club
Sat. 14	Noon	Florence Bixby Garden Tour*	Rancho Los Alamitos
Tue. 17	9:30 a.m.	Children's Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 18	9 a.m.	Senior Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
Th. 19	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 21	10 a.m.	Wetland Warrior Cleanup	Golden Shore Reserve
Tue. 24	9:30 a.m.	Children's Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 25	10 a.m.	Parent & Me Workshop: Amazing Tails (18 mo.-5 yrs.)*	El Dorado Nature Center
Fri. 27	5 p.m.	"Raices de Long Beach: Roots of the Rancho" Art Exhibit Opening	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sat. 28	9 a.m.	El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup	El Dorado Regional Park
Mon. 30	Varies	New 4-wk. M./W. (3/30-4/22) Swim Lessons Begin*	Silverado Pool
Tue. 31	Varies	New 4-wk. Tue./Th. (3/31-4/23) Swim Lessons Begin*	King Park Pool
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos

\*Call 562.570.3100 or visit [www.LBParks.org](http://www.LBParks.org) for fee and registration information



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