

# We Create Community

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## Jackson Street Dog Park Is Ninth Dog Recreation Area in City



The 0.14-acre dog park has perimeter fencing, and is meant for both large and small dogs to play together. Other amenities include a drinking fountain for dogs and people, a bench and waste bag dispensers. The dog park is ADA accessible.



L-R Middle; Acting Manager of Maintenance Operations Hurley Owens, Councilmember Al Austin, Parks and Recreation Commissioner David Zanetta, and Mayor Robert Garcia join community members in officially opening the Jackson Street Dog Park.

Dogs and their pet parents joined Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, 8th District City Councilmember Al Austin, and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine on February 21 to officially open the Jackson Street Park Dog Park. The facility is located east of Orange Avenue at Walnut Street.



The cost to construct the dog park was \$161,000, with funding from Council District 8 non-recurring funds. Jackson Park Dog Park is the ninth dog park in Long Beach joining these other eight off leash recreation areas that make a total of 10.04 acres of open space in the City for dogs to frolic:

### Long Beach Dog Parks

Recreation Park Dog Park	5201 E. 7th Street	1.7 Acres	Opened 1996
Rosie's Dog Beach	Ocean Blvd., btwn Roycroft & Argonne	2.9 Acres	Opened July 22, 2003
Downtown Dog Park	Lincoln Park at Broadway and Pacific	.25 Acres	Opened September 12, 2009
K-9 Dog Park	Ninth Street and Pacific Avenue	.8 Acres	Opened September 27, 2009
Uptown Dog Park	Scherer Park at 4600 Long Beach Blvd.	.6 Acres	Opened November 21, 2009
Wrigley Heights Dog Park	3401 Golden Avenue	1.9 Acres	Opened May 21, 2011
El Dorado Dog Park	El Dorado Regional Park Area II	1.5 Acres	Opened February 8, 2014
Coolidge Dog Park	352 E. Neece Street	.25 Acres	Opened March 22, 2014
Jackson Street Dog Park	1800 Jackson Street	.14 Acres	Opened February 21, 2015

## Annual Whaley Park Snow Day Event A Success



Parks, Recreation and Marine staff helped make the annual "Snow Days" event at Whaley Park on February 28 a big success.

The event was co-sponsored by Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, the 4<sup>th</sup> District City Council Office and 5<sup>th</sup> District Councilwoman Stacy Mungo. Hundreds of youth and their families played in snow, slide down a huge snow hill, and enjoyed face painting, moon bounces and exhibits from community organizations.



L-R: Parks, Recreation and Marine Staff at Snow Days: David Yoak, Meaghan O'Neill, Dijon Jackson and Madison Ligon

### Happy Birthday to El Dorado Senior Center's Edna Grafton



Edna Grafton has attended the El Dorado Senior Center since the early 2000's and has lived in Long Beach for 17 years. She enjoys spending time at the Center with her friends, Mary Alice, Leah and others playing the card game "hand and foot." She has built a wonderful group of friends who look out for each other and enjoy new people.

She has a smile that can light up a room and a demeanor that makes you forget any negativity. Ms. Grafton is a woman of true poise, kindness, and integrity. Staff was honored to help her celebrate her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on January 23, 2015 with her many friends and look forward to seeing her on her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Community Recreation Services Bureau: By the Numbers - January 2015

Permits to Gather	70
Reserved Picnic Sites	2
Number of Contract Classes	258
Facility Use Permits Issued	73
Field Use Permits issued	68
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes	604
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	10,554
Adult Sports League Participants	2,600
Visits to City and City Operated Pools	9,476
Youth and Teen Participants	22,609
Senior Citizen Participants	13,019
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center	19,180

## Belmont Pool Replacement Project



A beach sand area was created on the site of the Belmont Plaza Pool.

The Belmont Plaza Pool replacement project reached a milestone in February with the completion of demolition of the 47-year old natatorium to make way for a new aquatics facility in 2017.

The next step will be issuance of the Environmental Impact Report, expected in April.

For more information about the Belmont Plaza Pool replacement project, visit [www.belmontpool.com](http://www.belmontpool.com).



Belmont Plaza Pool staff stand where they never could before on the land where the former Belmont Plaza Pool stood: Diana Dinh, RLS VI-NC; John Van Blom, RLS VI-NC; Amanda Baker, RLS VI-NC; Cathy Sinay-Gudiel, RLS VI-NC; Gregory "Ted" Anning, RLS VI-NC; Rusty Bauer, RLS VII-NC; Ryan Zito, RLS V-NC; and Joelle Simmons, RLS X-NC

## Bluff Park Re-Opens After Improvements



Bluff Park was re-opened on February 13 after many months of improvements.

The public can once again enjoy walking along the approximately one-mile long stretch above the Pacific coastline and enjoying the beautiful views. Bluff Park consists of 13.2 acres along Ocean Boulevard from 20th Place to

36th Place, and features green space, telescopes, benches and the Lone Sailor Memorial.

The renovation included hydroseeding to enable the full re-establishment of grass for the heavily used area along the coast, and native landscaping along the top edge of the bluff has been installed behind the handrail. The irrigation system, sidewalk, and handrail were replaced and upgraded.

Improvements to several areas of the bluffs continue, including bluff stabilization to be completed by fall of 2015. The stabilization process consists of soil nails that prevent further erosion and increase the seismic stability of the bluffs. Native vegetation was planted which will provide further stabilization and green space.

## Groundbreaking Event Held For Chavez Park Amphitheater Project



On March 6 2015, a groundbreaking ceremony took place at Cesar E. Chavez Park for a new outdoor amphitheater.

The current amphitheater will be enlarged and have a level incline created to make seating more accessible for persons with disabilities. New shade sails will add to the comfort of audiences enjoying the outdoor space, and new electric conduits will support theatre and music performances, and yoga, acting, music, and art classes.

Jim Danno and Kathleen Irvine from the Willmore City Heritage Association worked with the Downtown Long Beach Associates to obtain funding from the DLBA's Placemaking Grant Program that provides funding to individuals, businesses, associations, organizations or entities interested in making physical enhancements to the public realm in Downtown Long Beach.

The goal of the program is to enhance the aesthetic quality and user experience of public spaces within the Downtown Long Beach.

## Houghton Park Master Plan



Teens share ideas for a new Houghton Park Community Center.

Houghton Park, "part of the soul of North Long Beach," was the subject of planning meetings in November and December, when the community joined the Office of Councilmember Rex Richardson, City staff and Studio Pali Fekete Architects to "Imagine Houghton" and share ideas about the design and features of a new community center to replace the 84-year old building to better serve residents.

There was a great response at both the November 19, 2014 planning meeting with seniors, businesses and teens, and the community at the "Breakfast With Santa" event on December 20, 2014 as well as comments made on the "Imagine Houghton website, [www.imaginehoughton.com](http://www.imaginehoughton.com).

It has been determined that to really "Imagine Houghton," the planning should go beyond the community center and take in entire 26.4-acre park and its impact on the surrounding community. The focus will now be on a master planning process for the overall park space including the community center.

The community will be invited to keep the momentum for a "re-imagined" Houghton Park going and participate in the development of a master plan that will become a blueprint for the future of the park and its continued place as "part of the soul" of North Long Beach. The public can check [www.imaginehoughton.com](http://www.imaginehoughton.com) for meeting news.



## Somerset Park Renovation

Parks, Recreation and Marine Maintenance Operations staff have been busy putting one-time infrastructure funds approved by the Long Beach City Council to use.

Somerset Park recently received a much needed facelift beginning with upgrades to its freestanding restroom including new partitions, with the help of the Public Works Department.

The park also had sewer repairs, sports courts resurfaced, and repairs made to the drinking fountain. Brand new play equipment, and new windows, doors and paint for the community center were also completed.



CITY OF LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION, & MARINE PRESENTS:

## ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL

- \*NON CONTACT LEAGUE (6 ON 6)
- \*FEES: \$400 PER TEAM (REFEREE FEES INCLUDED)
- \*7-12 PLAYERS PER ROSTER
- \*CO-ED TEAMS ARE WELCOME
- \*10 GAMES PER SEASON PLUS PLAYOFFS
- \*GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON SUNDAYS
- \*REGISTER AS A TEAM OR AN INDIVIDUAL
- \*SEASON BEGINS MARCH 22, 2015

\*FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: RAUDRIC CURTIS OR GABRIEL CRUZ  
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## Partners of Parks “30 for 30” Campaign Celebrates 30th Anniversary



### Partners of Parks fundraiser at El Dorado Nature Center

Since 1985 the non-profit Partners of Parks (POP) has raised funds for Long Beach recreation programs and has supported the rehabilitation of parks and the construction of new parks.

While the demand for Partners of Parks services has increased, POP’s operating budget has not been augmented in over ten years. Join the hundreds of other people who support Partners of Parks and make a donation today to POP’s “30 for 30” campaign with a goal to raise \$30,000 for their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Visit [www.partnersofparks.org](http://www.partnersofparks.org) to donate.

## Know Your Long Beach Parks: Carroll Parks



The Carroll Parks are four mini parks located east of Junipero Avenue, south of 4<sup>th</sup> Street at the intersections of Carroll Park North, Carroll Park South, Carroll Park East, and Carroll Park West. The four parks total .68 acres, and are passive in nature and improved with turf, plantings and a few benches.

The parkland was donated to the City in 1910 by neighborhood developer Johanna Jane Carroll.

The Carroll Park subdivision was plotted in a series of circular drives and at the intersection of each, these small rectangles occur, into four little green island parks. The streets were built for horse and buggy, so traffic is naturally deterred. Historians feel that the Park was planned in this circular fashion with its complex maze of streets to deter the farm and ranch wagons on their way to town.

The Carroll Park neighborhood and the parks were designated a Historic Landmark District in 1982.



### Maintenance Operations Bureau: By the Numbers - February 2015

<b>Community Service Program Workers:</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>Work orders completed bureau wide:</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Community Service Program Hours:</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>Park acres maintained:</b>	
Queensway Bay:	346	Park turf:	814
Beach Maintenance:	109	Park landscape:	2,310
Marine Maintenance:	48	Street (medians) turf:	53
Los Cerritos Wetlands:	260	Street landscape:	143
All other sites:	541		
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis:	172		
Facilities & Gymnasiums cleaned daily:	28		

## New Dock 10 Adds Mooring Capacity to Rainbow Harbor



Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine joined the public for an opening ceremony for the new Dock 10 at Rainbow Harbor on February 7, 2015.

The dock project included the replacement of a 300-foot long deteriorated wooden dock located at the mouth of Rainbow Harbor adjacent to the Parkers Lighthouse Restaurant. The construction cost was approximately \$2.5 million, which was provided from the Tidelands funds.

“This new dock significantly increases public mooring capacity for residents, local businesses, and boaters utilizing the Rainbow Harbor, Shoreline Village, and nearby attractions,” said Mayor Robert Garcia.

The new dock facility is over 500 feet long and includes an ADA accessible gangway, smooth concrete walking surface, shore power, sewage pump-out, potable water, fire protection system, fire extinguishers, emergency telephone, and safety lighting.



Vice Mayor Lowenthal and Mayor Garcia Christen Dock 10

## Animal Care Services Volunteer Monica Elmore Named “Long Beach Hero”



Long Beach Animal Care Services (ACS) volunteer Monica Elmore was selected as a “Long Beach Hero” by the nonprofit Community Action Team (CAT). CAT promotes social well-being among the general public with community events that benefit children, animals, and the environment.

“Long Beach Heroes” is funded by CAT’s Long Beach Turkey Trot

5K/10K and is about “honoring ordinary, unsung citizens

who do amazing things in our community.” As a Hero, Monica was awarded \$500 to support her volunteer work at ACS.

For the last two years Monica has been seen most week-ends at the ACS shelter assessing dogs and cats, helping do adoption introductions and assisting our photographer.

Monica received her award at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual C.A.T. Awards Dinner at Bay Shore Church in Long Beach on January 25, 2015

Previous winners of this award from the Animal Care Services volunteer program include Sara Cozolino and Darlene McInerney.

**March 2015**

Mon. 16:	Varies Varies	New 4-wk. M/W Swim Lesson Sessions Begin New 5 wk. M/W Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	Belmont Plaza Pool Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 17:	Varies	St. Patrick's Day New 5 wk. Tu/Th. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	King Park Pool
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 Senior Center
Sat. 21:	10 a.m. 10 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	*Wetland Warrior Cleanup Low Cost Pet Clinic Low Cost Pet Clinic	Golden Shore Marine Reserve Marine Stadium Lincoln Park
Wed. 25:	10 a.m. 6 p.m.	*Parent and Me Workshop: "Bunny Hop" Commission on Youth and Children	El Dorado Nature Center PRM Admin, 2760 Studebaker Rd.
Sat. 28:		ACS Bark for Life with American Cancer Society	

**April**

Wed. 1:		April Fool's Day	
Sat. 4:	10 a.m. 10 a.m. 1 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	First Saturday Stewards Volunteer Cleanup Low Cost Pet Clinic Creation Station Art Program for Ages 6-10 (Free) Low Cost Pet Clinic	El Dorado Nature Center Scherer Park Rancho Los Cerritos Good Neighbor Park
Sun. 5:		Easter Sunday	
Mon. 6:	Hours Vary	Spring Break "Fun Days" Supervised Park Hours	Park Community Centers
Tue. 7:	Hours Vary	Spring Break "Fun Days" Supervised Park Hours	Park Community Centers
Wed. 8:	Hours Vary	Spring Break "Fun Days" Supervised Park Hours	Park Community Centers
Th. 9:	Hours Vary	Spring Break "Fun Days" Supervised Park Hours	Park Community Centers
Fri. 10:	Hours Vary	Spring Break "Fun Days" Supervised Park Hours	Park Community Centers
Sun. 12:	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 13:	Hours Vary	New four week swim lesson sessions begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
Tue. 14:	7 p.m.	*Family Nightlife Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 15:	8 a.m. 9 a.m. 9 a.m.	Summer On-Line Day Camp Registration Begins Senior Advisory Commission Meeting Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	On-Line Long Beach Senior Center El Dorado Senior Center
Th. 16:	9 a.m.		
Fri. 17:			
Sat. 18:	10 a.m.	Earth Day Coastal Cleanup	East of Belmont Vets Memorial Pier
Mon. 20:	Hours Vary	New five-week swim lesson sessions begin	Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 21:	Hours Vary	New five-week swim lesson sessions begin	King Park Pool

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