

# We Create Community

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## Orizaba Park Community Center Opens



4th District City Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell and Jan Ward from the West East Side Community Association cut the ribbon to open the new Orizaba Park Community Center along with L-R: Cory Allen, Field Representative for State Senator Ricardo Lara, George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine; Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal, City Manager Pat West, Mike Donelon, Active Sports Kids Foundation; Tim Patton, Field Representative for State Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal; Anna Mendiola, PRM Park Development Officer and members of the community.

Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal, 4<sup>th</sup> District Long Beach Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell and the Departments of Parks, Recreation & Marine and Public Works joined the public at the grand opening of the Orizaba Park Community Center on August 2. Orizaba Park is located at Orizaba Avenue and Spaulding Street.

The single-story, 3,000 square foot community center provides space for recreation programs, meetings and events, and a digital training academy. To reflect the history of the location as a stop on the former Pacific Electric Right of Way, the building is reminiscent of a train depot with its long shape and architecture. The building has been designed to achieve a LEED Gold certification

## New Parks and Recreation Commissioners Appointed

Long Beach Parks and Recreation Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor of Long Beach to make recommendations to the City Council, City Manager and Department Director about land acquisitions for parks, park improvement plans, permits and agreements for leisure services, fees for public recreation programs, and the use of public parks and recreation facilities. Four new members began four-year terms in July.

The former Long Beach Redevelopment Agency (RDA) previously invested \$3.7 million to acquire four adjacent blighted industrial properties to add 1.1 acres to the park's 2.62 acres, and create a total of 3.72 acres of open space to expand the park in November 2012. The expansion included new open turf areas, landscaping, ball courts, a skate park, walking paths and picnic tables.



Youth make crafts in new activity room.

and reduce water and electricity consumption by over 30 percent compared to a traditionally designed building. The building was constructed with \$2.2 million in Proposition 84 grant funds. The new center completes the second phase of the park's renovation.



PRM's Angelo Barrera leads Digital Training Academy tour.

Rudolph Galindo has experience in grant writing, budget management and personnel training with the City of Baldwin Park Recreation Department. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from CSULB and a Masters of Business Administration from CSUDH. Rudolph looks forward to enhancing the quality of life in the residents of Long Beach.

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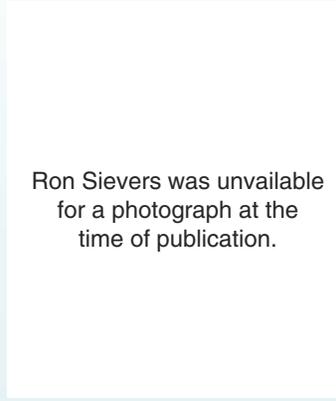
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Rudolph Galindo



Stacey Morrison



Ron Sievers was unavailable for a photograph at the time of publication.

Ron Sievers



David Zanatta

Stacey Morrison has resided in Long Beach for over 10 years and owns Beach City Design in Long Beach. She is passionate about visual communication and art. Stacy received her BA in Liberal Arts from the University of Illinois, Chicago and studied at the University of California, Los Angeles Extension Program. Stacey has been recognized as a community leader and is a Board member with the California Heights Neighborhood Association.

Ron Sievers has been a Long Beach resident for 33 years. Ron attended UCLA Law School and Loyola University BBA in Finance. He is a Sole Practitioner in Long Beach specializing in Social Security, Medicare, and medical and

SSI matters. Ron’s community involvement stems from volunteering at El Dorado Nature Center, coaching AYSO youth soccer leagues, and volunteering with Partners of Parks and the Long Beach Food Bank.

David Zanatta, is a Sr. Vice President at JCA Resources, Inc., a real estate development, international trade and marketing company, and is a 27-year resident of the City of Long Beach. David has been involved with many different community organizations such as International City Theater, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach Public Library Foundation, American Cancer Society and the World Trade Center Association.

## State of California Awards Grant for MacArthur Park Renovation

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) will receive \$553,000 in grant funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Housing-Related Parks grant program which supports the development of low income housing to renovate MacArthur Park.

MacArthur Park is heavily utilized and serves a low-income area of the City. The playground was last rehabilitated in 1995 and does not currently meet American’s With Disabilities Act compliance or playground safety standards. The heavy use has impacted maintenance resources and availability of amenities to the public. Investment in the park will help address ongoing maintenance and enhance recreational opportunities in surrounding neighborhoods.

In January with assistance from the Department of Development Services, PRM applied for \$584,250 through the HRP Program for the replacement of MacArthur Park’s playground, installation of fitness zone equipment and the rehabilitation of park grounds and facilities. PRM was awarded a total of \$553,000 towards these goals. A total of 108 cities and counties applied for a total of \$73,605,250 in HCD funding.

For more information, visit [www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/website\\_award\\_posting.pdf](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/website_award_posting.pdf).



**Animal Adoption Transport A Success**



On July 30, Long Beach Animal Care Services (ACS) once again demonstrated their commitment to promoting pet adoption by participating in a large transport of shelter animals to the Pacific Northwest area where there is a demand for dogs to adopt.

A total of 150 dogs including several from Long Beach ACS, joined other displaced pets from Los Angeles County Shelters at the FliteServ facility at Long Beach Airport to fly to four shelters in Washington state where there is a high demand for breeds in abundance in Southern California. All transport fees were donated by the Wings of Rescue, Bark Avenue Foundation and Shelter Me non-profit organizations.

Long Beach ACS has previously participated in six transports that have resulted in 100 percent of the dogs being adopted.



The goal of Long Beach Animal Care Services is to make Long Beach the safest large city in California for people and animals by promoting responsible pet ownership and recreation.



Volunteers load animals headed for new homes onto a Wings of Rescue Fairchild 326 Metroliner at the Long Beach Airport's FliteServ facility



L-R: Ted Steven, Manager of Animal Care Services, Wings of Rescue First Officer Masanabu Arai and ACS Outreach Coordinator Kelly Miott

**Know Your Long Beach Park: Rosie's Dog Beach – The Best in Los Angeles**



This month's park to know is Rosie's Dog Beach, the only dog beach in Los Angeles County and a place where residents can bring their dogs for a joyous romp in the waves. Rosie's was just named "Best Dog Park in Los Angeles" by

L.A.Curbed.com, a popular real estate blog that covers neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles. According to Rosie's Dog Beach founder Justin Rudd, "The dog-lovers of Los Angeles have voted by a landslide to elect Rosie's Dog Beach in Long Beach to the important office of Los Angeles's Best Dog Park."

Justin Rudd, a dog enthusiast and community activist was responsible for the creation of this popular off leash dog recreation area. In 2001, Justin hosted a one-day special event called "Haute Dogs on the Beach," in which dogs were allowed to run leash-free in a 1.5-acre section of the beach in the Belmont Shore section of the city. By popular demand, "Haute Dogs" became a regular monthly event. In 2002 the Long Beach City Council approved a

15-month pilot program for the "Long Beach Dog Zone," a daily beach off-leash access program.



In October 2004, when the City Council unanimously approved a permanent four-acre dog beach on Ocean Blvd., between Granada and Roycroft Avenues. The Long Beach Dog Zone was renamed "Rosie's Dog Beach" in August, 2010, to honor the life of Justin's beloved Rosie the bulldog, the dog who inspired this canine wonderland. The park is open daily from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Long Beach Seniors Celebrate the 4th!

The Long Beach Senior Center celebrated Independence Day in style on July 3 with plenty of music, food and fun.



Patriotic Costumes



Naomi Nixon, Volunteer Tap Dance Instructor Performs



Naomi's Intermediate Tap Dance Class Struts Their Stuff



Long Beach Junior Concert Band

## U.S.D.A Summer Food Program Update

Parks, Recreation and Marine helps to fill the nutrition gap during the summer for children who qualify for free and reduced-price meals during the regular school year with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service program. Free meals, that meet Federal nutrition guidelines, are provided to all children 18 years old and under at 30 sites including 22 parks, two Signal Hill parks and six non-profit organizations. Meals are also provided as needed for youth attending field trips. Staff expects to serve approximately 110,000 meals during the nine-week program, which this year was from June 23 - August 22.



Making it all happen are: L-R: Summer Food Service Program Staff: Pepito Dominguez, Monitor; Boyd Jernigan, Monitor; Tamalyn Sayre, Coordinator; Libby Yniguez, Summer Food Field Trips; and Sokry Sao, Monitor.

## Partners of Parks Update



Partners of Parks played a key role in this year's fireworks show and concert held on July 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Former Long Beach Fifth District City Councilwoman Gerie Schipske proposed bringing back the fireworks show which had been an annual tradition produced by the Long Beach Firefighters' Association beginning in the 1950s. The Association ended the program in 2012 due to financial and logistical constraints.

Partners of Parks handled donations from local businesses to fund the event. "This was always kind of the grand daddy of fireworks shows in Long Beach, so to bring that back feels good for our organization," Long Beach Partners of Parks Executive Director Drew Satariano said.

The evening featured a tribute to 16 Long Beach Hometown Heroes who gave their lives fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Rock for

Vets Band, a group of veterans using music as post-war therapy, performed before a Long Beach Municipal Band concert. American Idol Finalist Clint Gamboa sang the National Anthem.

The fireworks started at 9 p.m. and went for about 20 minutes, leading to a grand finale with the Municipal Band playing patriotic music in the background.

## Summer Fun Days Kids Attend LB Sea Festival Fishing Rodeo



The 61st Annual Long Beach Sea Festival Kids Fishing Rodeo was held on August 1 from 8 a.m.-noon at Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier.

Parks, Recreation & Marine Community Recreation Services staff took Summer Fun Day participants from Bixby, Drake, Hudson, King, McBride Seaside, Stearns Champions, Veterans Parks and staff-led WRAP (Winners Reaching Amazing Potential) programs at Edison,

Garfield, Grant, Lee, and Starr King schools to the free event. Bait, snacks, fishing instruction and prizes in various fishing categories, and a raffle were all part of the fun.

A complete list of all summer fun Sea Festival activities, with event location and information, can be found at [www.longbeachseafestival.com](http://www.longbeachseafestival.com).



## Richard R. Miller Novice Swim Meet Highlights Summer for Young Swimmers

A summer highlight for youngsters in Parks, Recreation and Marine's LA84 Foundation summer sports programs is the annual Richard R. Miller Novice Swim meet. Money raised by the LA84 Foundation during the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics, funds the program, which is part of the Long Beach Sea Festival.

Novice swimmers ages 7 to 17 began practicing at the beginning of summer, and eight weeks later took part in a swim meet on July 26 at Belmont Outdoor Pool with over 100 swimmers from City pools including Belmont Plaza Outdoor Pool, King Park Pool Silverado Park Pool, and Millikan and Jordan High School Pools. The top performers will move on to the LA84 Festivals to compete against their peers from different cities in the LA84 program.

According to Tammy Masten, Aquatic Supervisor at King Park Pool and the event coordinator "Both kids and team coaches worked hard and spent a lot of time getting ready to compete. I'm happy to say we had some good results."



Richard R. Miller



## Community Recreation Services Bureau: By the Numbers - June 2014

Permits to Gather	259
Reserved Picnic Sites	53
Number of Contract Classes	276
Facility Use Permits Issued	99
Field Use Permits issued	97
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes	607
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	15,764
Adult Sports League Participants	12,020
Visits to City and City Operated Pools	21,483
Youth and Teen Participants	53,796
Senior Citizen Participants	41,212
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center	21,812

Mid Way Through - The 100 Days of Summer is Going Strong



For the fifth year in a row, Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (LBPRM) has teamed with the Long Beach Convention and Visitor's Bureau on [www.100daysofsummer.org](http://www.100daysofsummer.org), a searchable on-line calendar of free concerts & movies, Long Beach

Sea Festival events, El Dorado Nature Center & historic site events, and ideas for spontaneous fun like hiking, biking, golf, tennis, swimming, and youth and teen programs. Since the first event of the season, the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Knight Ryder concert at Marine Stadium, LBPRM staff have offered the public an incredible array of fun activities designed to encourage residents to "stay and play in Long Beach."



Here's some of what's happened only *half* way through the 100 days:

- 315 BE S.A.F.E. ("Summer Activities in a Friendly Environment") programs at seven parks.
- 78 Specialty Theme Camps
- 32 Park Concerts including the Long Beach Municipal Band and Long Beach Symphony.
- 1 Homeland Cultural Center Dance Fest
- 23 Movies in the Park
- 8 Movies on the Beach
- 14 Sea Festival events
- 19 El Dorado Nature Center programs
- 1,040 Summer Fun Day programs at 26 parks
- 747 Swimming sessions



Coming Up:

Long Beach Sea Festival Great Sand Sculpture Contest – August 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Form a team and

compete at [www.lbsandcastle.com](http://www.lbsandcastle.com), or come out and see some of the creative sculptures.



Mud Mania, "A Celebration of Adobe" August 17, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Rancho

Los Cerritos \$7/\$5 ages 3-12. Make adobe bricks, compete in mud relay races, throw a clay pot and hear live bluegrass music throughout the afternoon. Visit [www.rancholoscerritos.org](http://www.rancholoscerritos.org).

Wind down the 100 Days of Summer with a free concert by Born Jovi, the premier tribute to Bon Jovi. Friday, August 29 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Marine Stadium, 5839 Appian Way. Enjoy food trucks and a Kid's Zone.



Report Water Waste On Go Long Beach App



Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (LBPRM) is working hard to provide safe, enjoyable parks for residents, while embracing the need to use water responsibly in the current state-wide drought conditions.

LBPRM must irrigate parks to keep them safe and functional for residents, including many who have no backyards and who rely on parks as places to relax and recreate. Thousands of mature trees and hundreds of sports fields also depend on irrigation to remain viable.

While staff strives to minimize water waste, LBPRM needs the public's help. If you see water waste in parks, such as water running down sidewalks or into gutters, or water line

breaks, we want to hear from you. A convenient way to communicate water waste situations is with the Go Long Beach App and it's new issue choice, "running water in a park."

The app allows residents, businesses, and visitors to quickly submit service requests for "running water in a park," and other issues such as potholes and graffiti. iPhone and Android device users can use the App to select an issue, take a picture, and submit. The App knows the exact location and sends the issue to staff. Persons can also track the status of requests through their mobile device.

The free Go Long Beach app is available on iTunes and Google Play. Access Go Long Beach on the City website, <http://user.govoutreach.com/longbeach>. Issues can also be reported by email to: [lbparkswaterwise@longbeach.gov](mailto:lbparkswaterwise@longbeach.gov) or by calling (562) 570-4895, or after hours call (562) 570-3101.

Marine Maintenance Update

Parks, Recreation and Marine's Marine Maintenance Division is responsible for the maintenance of the Alamitos Bay and Long Beach Shoreline Marinas and facilities in the surrounding areas including six miles of beaches and 3,677 boat owner slips.

The staff is skilled in carpentry, dock building, dock repairs and replacements, electrical repair, graffiti removal, navigational aid maintenance, and plumbing. They completed 2,633 work orders from August 2013 through July 2014, including the construction of ten new public restrooms. The Division's custodial staff services approximately sixty restrooms each day throughout the marinas, beaches, Belmont Plaza Pool, and Belmont Veterans Pier.



Alamitos Bay Dock Repair



Navigational Aid Maintenance



Navigational Light Repair



New Beach Restroom

Maintenance Operations Bureau: By the Numbers - July 2014

<b>Community Service Program Workers:</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>Park acres maintained:</b>	
<b>Community Service Program Hours:</b>	<b>3,113</b>	Park turf:	814
Queensway Bay:	346	Park landscape:	2,310
Beach Maintenance:	774	Street (medians) turf:	53
Marine Maintenance:	298	Street landscape:	143
Los Cerritos Wetlands:	140	<b>MOB GP 105 Water cost and consumption for June, 2014</b>	
All other sites:	1,555	Parks and Street Islands Potable:	
<b>Work orders completed bureau wide:</b>	<b>465</b>	Estimate 48,900 ccf , \$146,989	
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis:	172	Parks and Street Islands Reclaimed:	
Facilities & Gymnasiums cleaned daily:	28	80,173 ccf, \$121.274	

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS: AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2014

## August

Fri. 15:	8 p.m.	Movies in the Park "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs"	Signal Hill Park
Sat. 16:	10 a.m.	Long Beach Sea Festival Great Sand Sculpting Contest	Granada Beach
Sun. 17:	10 a.m.	Long Beach Sea Festival Great Sand Sculpting Contest	Granada Beach
Sun. 17:	12:30 p.m.	*Mud Mania – A Celebration of Adobe"	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 18:	6:30 p.m.	Symphonic Winds Concert	Grace Park
Mon. 18:	8 p.m.	Movies in the Park "Despicable Me"	Grace Park
Tue. 19:	8 p.m.	LB Sea Festival Movie "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"	Granada Beach
Wed. 20:	8 p.m.	Movies in the Park "Planes"	MacArthur Park
Fri. 22:	8 p.m.	Movies in the Park "Planes"	Silverado Park
Sat. 23:	8 a.m.	Long Beach Sea Festival Tiki Beach Festival	Granada Beach
Sun. 24:	8 a.m.	Long Beach Sea Festival Tiki Beach Festival	Granada Beach
Sun. 24:	5:30 p.m.	Dust Bowl Revival (Folk/Bluegrass) Concert	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 25:	8 p.m.	Movies in the Park "Frozen"	DeForest Park
Tue. 26:	8 p.m.	LB Sea Festival Movie "Movie: "E.T. the Extra Terrestrial"	Granada Beach
Wed. 27:	8 p.m.	Movies in the Park "Frozen" – the Sing-a-Long	El Dorado Park West
Th. 28:	6:30 p.m.	*Steel Parade (Calypso) Concert	El Dorado Nature Center
Fri. 29:	6 p.m.	Born Jovi (Bon Jovi Tribute) Concert	Marine Stadium

## September

Mon. 1:		Labor Day	
Tue. 2:	Open Hours 8 p.m.	Registration Begins Free Youth Flag Football and Volleyball Leagues LB Sea Festival Movie "Spaceballs"	Park Community Centers Granada Beach
Wed. 3:		LBUSD Fall Semester Begins	
Fri. 5:	5 p.m.	*LB Sea Festival Lobster Festival	Rainbow Lagoon
Sat. 6:	10 a.m. 12 p.m.	First Saturday Stewards Cleanup *LB Sea Festival Lobster Festival	El Dorado Nature Center Rainbow Lagoon
Sun 7:	5 p.m. 12 p.m.	*Benefit Fundraiser Ranch Roundup and Whoop It Up for Kids! *LB Sea Festival Lobster Festival	Rancho Los Alamitos Rainbow Lagoon
Mon. 8:	Varies	Fall Swim Lessons Begin	Belmont Plaza Outdoor Pool
Tue. 9:	Varies 7 p.m.	Fall Swim Lessons Begin *Family Nightlife Walk	Silverado Park Pool King Park Pool
Th. 11:	8 p.m.	LB Sea Festival Movie "Jaws"	El Dorado Nature Center
Sat. 13:	2 p.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission Low Cost Pet Clinic LB Sea Festival K-9 Festival *Pickling and Fermentation Workshop Low Cost Pet Clinic	Granada Beach Long Beach Yacht Club McBride Park Rosie's Dog Beach Rancho Los Alamitos. Veterans Park
Sun 14:	8 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Audubon Bird Walk *Conversations in Place Lecture "Should Our Future Cling to Our Past"	El Dorado Nature Center Rancho Los Alamitos
Mon. 15:	Varies	Fall Tennis Classes Begin	Visit <a href="http://www.longbeachtennis.com">www.longbeachtennis.com</a>
Tue. 16:	9:30 a.m.	Docent Training Session Begins	Rancho Los Alamitos
Th. 18:	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
Sat. 20:	9 a.m.	California Coastal Cleanup Day	Call (562) 570-4876
Th. 25:	4 p.m.	Teen Recruitment Open House	Rancho Los Cerritos

\*\*Call location for registration and fee information.



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