

We Create Community

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Los Angeles Clippers Refurbish Court and Playground at McBride Park



Second Row Middle L-R: Mayor Bob Foster, 6th District City Councilmember Dee Andrews, Parks, Recreation and Marine Director George Chapjian and Steve Goodling, President and CEO of the Long Beach Convention and Visitor's Bureau join Clippers players and staff, and local youngsters to cut ribbon on new FIT Playground at McBride Park.

In April, Ernest McBride Park received new play equipment and a renovated basketball court thanks to the Los Angeles Clippers basketball team.

Through the Clipper's FIT Campus Playground and Court Refurbishment program, \$90,000 of labor, materials and equipment was donated to replace McBride's aging playground equipment with brand new equipment in the Clipper's signature colors - red white and blue. The project included new ground cover, a ramp for ADA access, and completely resurfacing the basketball court.

The basketball court was hydro-blasted to remove years of old paint and a new sports court surface was applied that resists the development of slippery surfaces. The old metal backboard was replaced with a glass backboard and snap back rim to absorb any shock from players hanging on it. The basketball court fencing around the court was also upgraded.

Clippers FIT is part of NBA FIT, a comprehensive health and wellness program promoting healthy, active lifestyles for children and adults.



Clippers Power Forward Blake Griffin Coaches Future NBAer at McBride Park Court Opening.

"Recreation Connection" Published



The summer issue of the Parks, Recreation and Marine "Recreation Connection" was published on April 29. The 48-page brochure describes recreation classes, day camps, aquatic programs, sports leagues, programs at El Dorado Nature Center and city historic sites, and provides registration instructions. Summer class registration begins on May 6.

An on-line version of the "Recreation Connection" is available for viewing at www.lbparks.org.

Rancho Los Cerritos Spring Showcase



Don Juan Temple and Abel Stearns from nearby Rancho Los Alamitos greet guests for a spring luncheon in the Rancho Los Cerritos gardens.

In the spring of 1849, Don Juan Temple “could have” invited friends to join him at Rancho Los Cerritos for “Almuerzo en la Primavera para celebrar el Jardin,” a Spring Luncheon to Celebrate the Gardens which he had planted with Italian cypress trees, olives, fruit trees and many flowering shrubs. On April 11, 2013, “Don Juan Temple” did just that! Living history docent Javier Campos performing as Temple, greeted guests to his ranch headquarters and lovely gardens for a luncheon and fundraiser. His “cook,” Primal Alchemy Caterers – drew from the bounty of the kitchen garden for the meal, creating a unique menu inspired by recipes from the 1840s and ‘50s.

The Rancho also honored the Port of Long Beach as its



Appetizers baked in the Horno, an adobe brick oven, contributed to the authentic period food at the event.

“2013 Outstanding Community Partner” that afternoon, in recognition of their generous \$400,000 gift under their Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Grant Program.

These funds will enable the Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation to install a California native garden north of the new visitor center, extending the use of native plants along the entire west side of the property and allowing the Rancho to reduce its dependence on irrigation. Temple’s luncheon was attended by 160 guests, includ-



L-R: 8th District City Councilmember Al Austin, Niki Tennant representing Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal; 5th District City Councilmember Gerrie Schipske, Long Beach Harbor Commissioner Doug Drummond, Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Site Officer Ellen Calomiris, and Chairman of the Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation Kevin Kayse enjoy the luncheon event.

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Keep Up with LBPRM on Social Media

Parks Recreation and Marine’s Facebook and Twitter sites are great ways to read the Department’s “We Create Community” newsletter, get news releases, and see photos from events and other programs.



Visit <https://www.facebook.com/Long-BeachParks> to ‘Like’ us on Facebook!

Visit <https://twitter.com/LBRECclasses> to keep up on classes and recreation programs.



Admiral Kidd Park Farmer's Market and Center Space Connecting Community



Healthy food and fitness are coming together at the Greener Good Farmers' Market and Center Space on Saturdays at Admiral Kidd Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The certified farmers market offers fresh and healthy food such as fruits and vegetables, and hot food for sale to more than 25,000 west Long Beach residents who lack sufficient access to fresh foods.

Center Space is a project of the Catalyst Network of Communities, a nonprofit organization with a goal to improve connectivity between people and organizations and to encourage the sharing of resources. Center Space gets residents involved in community projects, shopping for healthy food, enjoying music and dancing, exercise, free classes, and opportunities to offer input and feedback on ways to improve their neighborhood. On Saturdays, residents can move through several community "spaces."

A fitness space offers free walking programs, fitness boot camps, yoga and Zumba classes, and soccer clinics. A health and wellness space is a place for weekly yoga classes for children, stress management clinics for adults, and quarterly health and dental clinics. A growth and learning space offers nutrition classes and career development workshops, an information and resource space maintains a community calendar and information about local organizations, and a projects and activities space is a hub for residents to sign up for community tree plantings, community garden building, trash clean ups, and neighborhood walks.



Free Yoga on the Lawn at Admiral Kidd Park

For more information about the Greener Good Farmer's Market and Center Space, visit <http://centerspacelb.org> and www.greenergoodfarmersmarkets.com.

Earth Day Beach Clean Up Makes a Difference



More than 75 volunteers took an active role in helping to save the ocean on April 20. The groups gathered east of Belmont Veterans

Memorial Pier with buckets and bags to clean up trash and debris at an Earth Day Cleanup event organized by El Dorado Nature Center staff.

According to event coordinator Brook Davis, approximately 200 pounds of were gathered in two



Rotary Centennial Park Demonstrates Power of Public-Private Partnerships



Before: Abandoned Right of Way

One of Long Beach Parks Recreation and Marine's best examples of the power of public and private sponsorships is Rotary Centennial Park.

In 2004, the Rotary Club of Long Beach approached the Department with the idea of collaborating on the construction of the new park as a way to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rotary International in 2005. The Department reviewed a number of sites with the Rotary Club and chose the abandoned Pacific Electric right-of-way area at Junipero Street and Pacific Coast Highway. This site was ideal because of its location in an area of the City that lacks sufficient open space and recreational areas.



Rotary Centennial Park Solar System Theme Adds to the Fun

The Rotary Club raised \$100,000 toward the design and construction of the park. In addition, the Rotary Club of Celaya, Mexico, District 4160 and District 5320 participated in a Rotary International matching grant program that funded one of the play structures. Long Beach Rotary



After: Rotary Centennial Park forms a "ribbon of green."

organized two community meetings to plan the park's design. The park features a solar system theme with art installations of the planets, a sundial, lighting, benches, turf, trees, playground equipment, a half-court basketball court, and a gazebo.



Rotary Club of Long Beach Volunteers at Monthly Clean-up

The park was dedicated on June 25, 2005 with a celebration that included members of Long Beach Rotary, and Parks, Recreation and Marine staff and elected officials. The event was one of the first times that residents experienced the new park and saw how it enhanced their neighborhood.

The Rotary Club of Long Beach remains committed to Rotary Centennial Park. They organize park cleanup events that involve club members and surrounding businesses in handling cleaning and any needed repairs. To get involved in a monthly cleanup, call the Rotary Club of Long Beach at (562) 436-8181.

Marine Bureau Boat Auction Scheduled



A wide array of watercraft from kayaks to larger vessels will be auctioned off at the Marine Bureau Boat Auction on Saturday, June 22, at Alamitos Bay Marina, 205 Marina Drive. Inspection and registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the auction will start at 9 a.m.

ranty 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. Successful bidders can pay with cash, credit card or personal check. Full payment is due on the day of the sale, no later than 11 a.m.

A complete list of sale items will be available on Wednesday, June 5. For additional auction information or questions please contact Kimarie Vestre at (562) 570-3236 or via email at Kimarie.Vestre@LongBeach.gov.

All vessels are offered "As Is-Where Is." All sales are final. There will be no refunds or adjustments. There is no war-

Be sure you are notified about upcoming boat auctions. Sign up for "E-Notify" at enotify/default.asp.

Houghton Park Patio Upgrades Completed

In April the Parks, Recreation and Marine Grounds and Facility Maintenance staff with partial financial support from office of 9th District City Councilmember Steven Neal, completed upgrades to the shade structure and barbecue area at Houghton Park.



The fabrication and assembly of a new counter top and sink, increased the existing counter space.



Prior to the upgrade, the patio barbecue area has a worn shade structure and uneven concrete.

Installation of a new double wide charcoal "Santa Fe" style adjustable barbecue grill is a major improvement.



Saw cutting to remove uneven concrete and open up for plumbing to support a new sink and counter top.



Staff repaired broken picnic tables, changed the layout and added fresh paint.



Greenbelt Beautification Project

The greenbelt between Termino and Bennett is looking much better thanks to the efforts of youth from Gateway Youth Opportunity. On April 6, 17 youths weed whacked, spread mulch and cleaned up debris in the area. The kids worked hard and had fun, and when it was over, residences came out and thanked everyone.



Pacific Gateway Youth Opportunity Center Youth Ready to Work



MOB Staff conducted a safety meeting and ensured that all youth used proper safety equipment.



A pile of weeds meets its match with the energetic Pacific Gateway youth team.

Water Audit Helping to Save Precious Resources

The Maintenance Operations Bureau is working with the AquaSave Company to conduct an outdoor water use survey to identify areas of water use and recommend ways to save water. The condition of irrigation systems, soil composition, and plant conditions are among the areas being studied. The Long Beach Water Department is funding this project through a water conservation fund.



Certified Landscape Water Auditor (CLIA), Joe Frisbie takes a soil sample.



Certified Landscape Water Auditor (CLIA), John Oudyk sets up controller for remote operation



Bob Simpson, CLIA records system data on laptop

Friends of Long Beach Animals Fundraiser Supports Long Beach ACS



On April 18 diners at the Veggie Grill at 6451 Pacific Coast Highway enjoyed delicious nutritious food and supported the Long Beach Animal Care Services (ACS) at the same time.

A total of 116 diners presented an event flier or mentioned Long Beach Animal Care Services and had a generous 50 percent of their food and beverage purchase donated to Long Beach ACS by the Veggie Grill. According to organizer Judy Crumpton, approximately \$1,451 was raised to support the projects of the Friends of Long Beach Animals (FOLBA), a support group to Long Beach ACS.

FOLBA's mission is to stop pet overpopulation and end the euthanasia of healthy pets. FOLBA encourages all residents to have a veterinarian spay and neuter their pets.

For more information about Long Beach Animal Care Services, visit www.longbeach.gov/acs. To learn more about the Friends of Long Beach Animals, visit www.folba.org.

Partners of Parks Supports The Long Beach Municipal Band

The non-profit organization Partners of Parks (POP) has supported public parks, recreation and marine programs and facilities in the City of Long Beach for over 26 years, including the 103-year old Long Beach Municipal Band. Last year, Partners of Parks raised funds to provide an additional two weeks of summer concerts.

Residents can visit the Partners of Parks web site at www.partnersofparks.org and view the "Support Your Parks" to find out how they can support the band.

A total of 95 percent of donations directly support Long Beach Municipal Band concerts and programs. Five percent of all donations help to sustain the non-profit Partners of Parks organization.



Donors will be recognized during the 2013 concert season! For more information about Partners of Parks, visit www.partnersofpark.org.

Maintenance Operations Bureau: By the Numbers - April 2013

Community Service Program Workers:	75	Park acres maintained:	
Community Service Program Hours:		Park turf:	814
Queensway Bay:	802	Park landscape:	2310
Beach Maintenance:	259	Street (medians) turf:	53
Marine Maintenance:	53	Street landscape:	143
Los Cerritos Wetlands:	120	Reclaimed/potable water (ccf or 100 cu.ft) (Feb.)	
All other sites:	340	Parks potable:	9,284ccf \$31,229
Total:	1,574	Reclaimed:	18,291 ccf \$34,882
Work orders completed bureau wide:	417	Street Islands Potable:	2,501 ccf \$19,865
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis:	172	Street Islands Reclaimed:	2,780 ccf \$6,313
Facilities & Gymnasiums cleaned daily:	28		
Debris tons removed from aquatic areas:	78		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MAY - JUNE 2013

May

Sat. 4:	8 a.m. 10 a.m. 1 p.m.	Aquatics Summer Camp Registration Begins First Saturday Stewarts Cleanup Creation Station Youth Arts Program	4000 Olympic Plaza / PRM Admin. El Dorado Nature Center Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 6:	Open Hours	Summer Class Registration Begins	Call (562) 570-3111
Wed. 8:	10 a.m.	*Parent and Me Workshop Mother's Day Theme	El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 9:	9 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Ernest McBride Park Long Beach Yacht Club
Sat. 11:	9 a.m. 10 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic *Drawing in Nature Class Low Cost Pet Clinic	Marine Stadium El Dorado Nature Center Chavez Park
Sun. 12:	8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk *Mother's Day Brunch	El Dorado Nature Center Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 15:	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission	Long Beach Senior Center
Sat. 18:	9 a.m. 12 p.m.	*Bird Walk for Beginners Welands Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center Golden Shore Reserve
Tue. 21:	7 p.m.	*Family Nightlife Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 22:	10 a.m. 6 p.m.	*Parent and Me Workshop Flower Theme Commission on Youth and Children Meeting	El Dorado Nature Center LBPRM Administration
Fri. 24:	6:30 p.m.	100 Days of Summer Concert: The Basix	Marine Vista Park
Mon. 27:		Memorial Day Holiday	
Th. 30:	11:30 a.m.	*Cottonwoods Awards Luncheon	Rancho Los Alamitos

June

Sat. 1:	10 a.m. 11 a.m. 1 p.m. 1-7 p.m.	First Saturday Stewards Cleanup Low Cost Pet Clinic Creation Station Youth Program Long Beach Sea Festival Extravaganza	El Dorado Nature Center 2175 Cherry Ave., Signal Hill Rancho Los Cerritos Marina Green Park
Mon. 3:	Open Hours	Youth Coed T-Ball League Registration Begins	Citywide Parks
Fri. 7:	7 p.m.	*Evening Campfire	El Dorado Nature Center
Sat. 8:	9 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic Low Cost Pet Clinic Liars, Theives and Chocolate Storytelling Event	Scherer Park Silverado Park El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 11:	7 p.m.	*Family Nightlife Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 12:	10 a.m.	Dinosaur Dads Dig – Parent and Me Class	El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 13:	9 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center Long Beach Yacht Club
Sat. 15:	Open Hours Open Hours Noon 7:30 p.m.	Swim Lesson Registration for 6/17-28 sessions Swim Lesson Registration for 6/17-28 sessions *Monthly Wetland Cleanup Sea Festival Movie on the Beach "The Lorax"	King Park Pool Silverado Park Pool Golden Shore Reserve Mother's Beach
Mon. 17:	Hours Vary 10:30 a.m.	Summer Fun Days Begin Summer Park and Aquatic Camps Begin *Two-week swim lesson sessions begin Swim Lesson Registration for 6/17-28 sessions	Citywide Parks Locations Vary Belmont Plaza Outdoor Pool Millikan High School
Tue. 18:	6 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic	13234 E. 166 th St. Cerritos
Wed. 19:	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission	Long Beach Senior Center
Fri. 21:	6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Los Altos Neighborhood Assoc. Concert "Blue Steel" *Evening Campfire	El Dorado Park West El Dorado Nature Center
Sat. 22:	Hours Vary	*Saturday swim lesson sessions begin	Belmont Plaza Outdoor Pool
Sun 23:	5:30 p.m.	Summer Concert – Scarlett & Dr. Bob Finney Jazz	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 24:	9 a.m. 10 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Weeklong Nature Kids Discovery Camp begins Swim Lesson Registration for 6/24-7/5 sessions Movies in the Park, "Madagascar 3"	El Dorado Nature Center Jordan High School Signal Hill Park
Tue. 25:	7 p.m.	*Family Nightlife Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 26:	10 a.m./2 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Teen Volunteer Opportunities Meeting Movies in the Park, "Madagascar 3"	Rancho Los Cerritos Admiral Kidd Park
Fri. 28:	7:30 p.m.	Movies in the Park, "Madagascar 3"	Bixby Park
Sat. 29:	10 a.m.	Sea Festival Pier DAZE Pirate Invasion	Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier
Sun. 30:	10 a.m.	Sea Festival Pier DAZE Pirate Invasion	Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier

* Call location for registration and fee information.



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