We Create Community



Food Finders Hub Opens at Admiral Kidd Park



The community is now able to access fresh food at a new Food Finders (Hub), provided by the nonprofit organization Food Finders Inc., at Admiral Kidd Park to serve individuals experiencing a high level of food insecurity.

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine's Park Planning and Partnership Bureau coordinated the partnership with Food Finders. The Long Beach Health and Human Services (LBHHS) worked to select a location for the Hub that would best serve the needs of residents. A grand opening ceremony for the Hub was held on April 30.

Food Finders will staff the Hub and manage weekly food distribution and monthly programming, including a community marketplace, through their network of partners. The Hub contains a refrigerated container that can safely store produce, dairy and other perishable food items. In response to the increased need for access to healthy food throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, LBHHS, in partnership with local food banks and community partners, has been organizing and supporting ongoing large-scale emergency food distribution

Finders distributes food to those experiencing food insecurity within the community.

events across the city. The partnership with Food Finders enhances the existing emergency food distribution efforts taking place in Long Beach.

Food Finders, founded in 1989, is a food rescue nonprofit organization with a primary focus of reducing hunger while also reducing food waste by improving nutrition in food insecure communities. Through their work, millions of pounds of wholesome food are saved every year.

Since the early stages of the pandemic, LBHHS and community partners have used Admiral Kidd Park as an emergency food distribution site. The Park is located near the LBHHS's West Facilities Center, which provides the City's Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program. The nearby Boys and Girls Clubs of Long Beach's also provides meal and grocery services to local families in need.

For more information about the Food Finders Hub at Admiral Kidd Park, visit https://foodfinders.org.

Director's Corner



Brent Dennis Director, Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine and ACS

The month of May has arrived and is ushering in the return of so many tremendous programs, classes, events, and celebrations that have been absent over the past two years. Our Parks, Recreation, Marine, and Animal Care Services team is excited to welcome the community back to a full array of opportunities in our parks, beaches, marinas, community centers, and special facilities.

Spring break camps were at capacity last month and the summer camp registrations filled up at a lightning pace. Our Summer of 2022 Entertainment Guide will be published and available in June to showcase the schedules of concerts and movies in the parks. We appreciate the ongoing support by Signal Hill Petroleum of our Movies in the Park series as these family-fun events throughout the upcoming summer. Our Community Recreation Services team is energized and ready to make this a Summer of FUN!

As things get back to a greater sense of normal, we are pleased to reopen Long Beach Animal Care Services for public hours on a regular basis. LBACS will be open Wednesday – Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are always looking for loving homes to be connected to the furry friends in our care through the fostering or adopting doors.

On the Marine Bureau front, our three new ADA access mats have arrived and will be installed and dedicated in the coming weeks, certainly before the beaches become summer busy. All the new concession facilities on the beaches have enjoyed a great response from the local community as well as visitors to Long Beach thanks to their amazing menus featuring fantastic food fare and beverage choices.

Lots of playground news abounds with new playgrounds being planned and designed for Ramona, Houghton, MacArthur, and El Dorado Park. Playgrounds on the horizon include phenomenal new play spaces at Recreation Park and Admiral Kidd Park. We also celebrated the new playground at Colorado Lagoon last month. A safe playground "KidZone" ordinance has advanced through the review and approval process at City Council to eventually be added to the Long Beach Municipal Code to help keep our playgrounds safer, cleaner, and more welcoming.

The April week of celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day saw new trees planted in various parks. We were thankful for the contributions of Senator Lena Gonzalez and One Earth Long Beach towards helping expand our urban forest. The trees in our parks are pushing forth fresh new foliage and showy springtime flowers to enhance the beauty of the urban land-scapes. Park and Beach Maintenance have been doing an awesome job in keeping these high use recreational areas clean and accessible.

As Memorial Day approaches, our Department is on the ready to make the coming weeks truly memorable. Enjoy the beauty of the Month of May!

Naturalist Notes: Don't Be a Birdnapper!



Spring is just around the corner and El Dorado Nature Center staff are preparing for questions from the public about injured or orphaned wildlife. Baby birds are common to find around our homes and neighborhoods, and people are often unsure of the proper steps for caring for them.

It is important to recognize when birds are really in need of help. According to the Founder of the Songbird Care and Education Center (SCEC) (www.songbirdcareandeducation.org/foundababybird.html) "Nestlings are birds that are naked, have pin feathers or down. They are dependent on their parents. Fledglings are feathered with short tails. They are learning to fly and should be left alone. Their parents are close by and will continue to support them."

Three facts from SCEC about baby birds and their parents:

1. Birds only need to be rescued if they are injured, cat caught, icy cold, or abandoned.

2. Parent birds will search for their babies even after 24-48 hours of absence.

3. Parent birds will feed their babies after you have touched them.

If you find a bird in distress, call the Nature Center 562.570.1745, and we will be happy to put you in contact with a wildlife rehabilitation group.

Earth Day and Arbor Day Tree Plantings



To celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day in April, Parks, Recreation and Marine and community partners planted dozens of trees to enhance our urban forest and park landscapes throughout the city. The Office of State Senator Lena Gonzales donated ten trees so that two trees each could be planted at Ramona, Hudson, Chavez, Scherer and MacArthur Parks.

The momentum will continue with upcoming tree plantings in June with One Earth Long Beach, an organization that works with youth to plant and care for trees in Long Beach. The group plans to plant nine trees each at Heartwell and Recreation Park, as well as donating two trees each to be planted at Stearns Champions and Orizaba Parks.

Volunteers Make a Difference at Beach and Park Cleanups

In celebration of Earth Week, Parks, Recreation and Marine's El Dorado Nature Center staff hosted their annual Earth Day Beach Cleanup on April 16. The event allowed residents to take a part in maintaining the health and beauty of our ocean-front. More than 150 volunteers met at Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier and spread out from there to collect over 300 pounds of trash.



Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

Every month there are opportunities for individuals, families and group to make to make a difference in the lives of plants, animals and people. Pre-registration is required at 562.570.1745. Come once or as often as your schedule allows.

1st Saturday Stewards

Help maintain the beauty of the El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St. by cleaning the stream, pulling weeds, clearing the trails or spreading mulch. Wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels.



Saturdays, June 4, July 2, August 6, 10 a.m. - noon.

3rd Saturday Wetland Warrior Cleanup

Only 5% of California's once vast coastal wetlands remain today. Join our Weekend Wetland Warrior team as we explore and help protect the critical habitat at Colorado Lagoon Marine Biological Reserve, 5119 E. Colorado St. Two hours of time can save wildlife. Rain cancels. Saturdays, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20 10 a.m. – noon. Meet near the bike racks along Appian Way. Parking fee is waived.



4th Saturday El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup

Join fellow park-lovers to clean up fishing line and other debris from our beautiful park and lakes. One hour of your time can really make a difference! Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and wear a hat and sunscreen. All ages welcome. Youth under 18 must bring an adult. Saturdays, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, 9 -10 a.m. Meet at the parking lot on the left just past El Dorado Frontier in Area III of El Dorado Regional Park at 7550 E. Spring St.

Adopt-A-Beach

Get involved in protecting our coastline! All individuals, families, civic or non-profit organizations, and businesses are eligible to join the Adopt–A–Beach program. We provide everything you need! Call El Dorado Nature Center at 562.570.1745 for more information.

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Youth Specialty Camps Let Kids Explore and Have Fun



Registration for new recreation classes offered by Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is going on now. More than 700 classes in art, music, nature, fitness, special interest subjects, adult sports leagues and aquatics will be offered starting in June. PRM's popular week-long summer specialty camps give kids a chance to explore and develop news interests and skills.

Adventure STEM Using Lego[®] Materials Build projects such as: Space Stations, Fire Trucks and the Eiffel Tower. Ages 5-7 Yrs, 6/20-6/24, 9 a.m.-noon, M-F, Recreation Park, \$185.



Basketball Camp Learn basics of passing, shooting, ball handling, rebounding and defense, Ages 7-12 Yrs, 6/27-7/1, 7/11-7/15 9 and 8/8-8/12, 9 a.m.-noon, M-F, College Estates Park, \$195.

Challenger Interna-

tional Soccer Camp Ages 5-14 Yrs, 6/20-6/24 and 8/8-8/12, 9a.m.-noon or 9 a.m.-4 p.m. M-F, Wardlow Park, \$185.

Extreme Team Challenge Teams and individuals compete in games like Minute to Win It, Survivor, and Amazing Race. Ages 7-12 Yrs, 8/1-8/5, 9 a.m.-noon, M-F, Recreation Park, \$195.

Flag Football Fueled by USA Football Build skills in passing, receiving, kicking and flag pulling. 7-12 Yrs, 6/20-6/24 and 7/25-7/29, 9 a.m.-noon, M-F, Marina Vista Park, \$195.



Harry Potter & Hogwarts Camp Paint wands, make potions, play Quidditch and more. 8-14 Yrs, 6/13-6/17, 6/20-6/24 and 6/27-7/1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., M-F, Cypress Community Center, \$160.

Minecraft Engineering Using Lego[®] Materials 5-7 Yrs, 6/20-6/24, 1-4 p.m., M-F, Recreation Park, \$185.

Next Level Gaming with Lego[®] Materials Test your skills by Barrel

Blasting with Donkey Kong and Flinging Fireballs with Mario. 7-12 Yrs, 8/22-8/26, 1-4 p.m., M-F, Recreation Park, \$185.

Return of the Jedi Masters with Lego[®] Materials Explore from the Tatooine deserts to the caves of Hoth. 7-12 Yrs, 7/18-7/22, 1-4 p.m., M-F, Recreation Park, \$185.



Robotics Using Lego[®] **EV3 Systems** Design and construct a robot to avoid obstacles, pick up and carry objects, and play sounds. 9-14 Yrs, 8/15-8/19, 1-4 p.m., M-F, Recreation Park, \$185.

Youth Specialty Camps

Robotics Using Lego® EV3 Systems Learn programming and engineering concepts with projects using tilt and motion sensors. 6-10 Yrs, 8/15-8/19, 9 a.m.-noon. M-F, Recreation Park, \$185.



Skateboarding Make new friends, play games, and advance your skills and have fun! All ability levels.5-13 Yrs, 8/22-8/26, 9 a.m.-noon, M-F, El Dorado West, \$250.

STEM Explorations Using Lego® Materials Use physics and

engineering to build Tow Trucks, Bowlers and Battle Tanks. 7-12 Yrs 7/18-7/22 9 a.m.-noon M-F, Recreation Park, \$185.

Top Junior Chef – Around the World Campers will learn to make dishes from cultures around the world. 7-12 Yrs, 7/11-7/15, 1-4 p.m., M-F, Recreation Park, \$195; Material fee: \$25.



Top Junior Chef – Cooking Camp 7-12 Yrs, 6/27-7/1 and 7-12 Yrs 8/1-8/5, 1-4 p.m., M-F, \$195; \$25 material fee.



Top Junior Chef – Dessert Shop Create dessert, sweets, and goodies. 7-12 Yrs, 7/5-7/8, 1-4 p.m., T-F, Recreation Park, \$159; \$25 material fee.

Top Junior Chef – Harry Potter Cooking Make delectable potions and treats inspired by Harry Potter books. 7-12 Yrs 7/25-7/29 1-4 p.m. M-F, Recreation Park, \$195; Material fee: \$25.

Top Junior Chef – Healthy Kitchen Kids are encouraged to try new foods and leave with healthier habits. 7-12 Yrs, 8/8-8/12, 1-4 p.m., M-F, Recreation Park, \$195; Material fee: \$25.

Unplugged Gaming Using Lego® Materials Using LEGO®, build go-karts, neighborhoods, and more. 5-7 Yrs, 8/22-8/26, 9 a.m.-noon, M-F, Recreation Park, \$185.

You Tuber Campers will learn to write, direct, star and edit for YouTube and Podcasts. 8-12 Yrs, 8/8-8/12, 9 a.m.-noon, M-F, Recreation Park, \$195.

Zombies vs Humans Use teamwork and wilderness skills to compete against the walking dead in games, challenges and activities. 6-12 Yrs, 7/5-7/8, 9 a.m.-noon, T-F, Recreation Park, \$159.

Register at LBParks.org.

In-Person Senior Nutrition Program Returns



Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) resumed its in-person Senior Nutrition Program on May 2. Hot or cold nutritious meals that meet USDA standards are served to residents age 50 and above. Residents are required to make reservations ahead of time by calling the phone number of the desired site, listed below.

The following sites serve in-person meals on Monday, Tueday, Thursday and Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednes-

days are a "grab and go" format that allows residents to pick-up meals to be enjoyed at home:

- Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave., 562.570.1640
- McBride Park, 1550 M.L. King Jr. Ave., 562.570.1605
- El Dorado Park West, 2800 Studebaker Rd., 562.570.3225
- Long Beach Senior Center, 1140 E. 4th St., 562.570.3520

The Senior Nutrition Program is also available at the following sites during the designated dates and times:

In-person meals: Monday through Friday

- Chavez Park, 401 Golden Ave., 562.570.8890 Serving time: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St., 562.570.1675 Serving time: Noon to 1 p.m.

In-person meals: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Expo Center, 4321 Atlantic Ave., 562.570.1618
Serving time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

More information about PRM programs for seniors is available at https://bit.ly/3F6zP3M.

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Sunnyside Cemetery Thriving Under the Care of Parks, Recreation and Marine



Dramatic before and after photos captured by City of Long Beach Photographer Liezl Estipona show the improvement at Sunnyside Cemetery since becoming a permanent part of the City park system in August of 2019.

Parks, Recreation and Marine Grounds Maintenance staff upgraded the irrigation system, developed a



watering schedule to promote healthy turf recovery and began addressing gopher control issues. Many Long Beach residents have found their final resting place at Sunnyside Cemetery and their families are appreciative of the maintenance and conservation efforts that are now ongoing.

Partners of Parks Purchases Equipment for Admiral Kidd Playground Rebuild



The non-profit Partners of Parks (POP) organization has been working diligently to raise money for a new playground at Admiral Kidd Park, 2125 Santa Fe Ave. The park's nautical-themed playground was destroyed in a fire on July 18, 2021. The park is named after Rear Admiral Isaac Kidd who died in Pearl Harbor and was stationed in Long Beach during his service in the US Navy.

POP's campaign began in October 2021 and has raised more than \$450,000 including support from the Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller Foundation, Marathon Petroleum Foundation, Amazon, the New L Family Fund and Junior League of Long Beach.

POP announced on April 19 that they placed an order for the playground equipment from Landscape Structures, Inc. to

begin the process of rebuilding the playground. The Department of Public Works will develop a construction schedule when the equipment shipping date is determined. The additional funds raised will go towards playground surfacing and foundation, storage, and build and permit costs.

On March 8, 2022, the Long Beach City Council approved the use of approximately \$550,000 in surplus budget funds from the Fiscal Year 2021 Measure A to fulfill the remainder of the estimated \$1 million project after all Partners of Parks funding requests have been completed.

Community members can support the effort by purchasing a personalized brick to be placed at the playground site with their family name or message for \$300 or \$600 at www. tinyurl.com/helpkidd.

Senior Center Welcomes Back Live Band Program

April By the Numbers



After two long years of not being able to socialize and dance, seniors are once again enjoying live music at the El Dorado Park West Senior Center. On Mondays, the Little Big Band plays and on Wednesday, the "Every Wednesday" band performs. Both programs are free and are held from noon - 2 p.m. For more information, call 562.570.3227.



CITY OF LONG BEACH MARINE BUREAU BOAT AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 21 VIEWING 8 a.m.

BIDDING BEGINS 9 a.m.

Alamitos Bay Marina Office 205 Marina Drive, Long Beach Payment by Cash, Credit/Debit Card



(562) 570-3215 or visit https://bit.ly/3xSsUtr

Maintenance Operations Bureau

Community Service Workers Program

Attendance figures for the month of April 2021 Number of persons enrolled in the program for April......43 Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance 165 (Litter pickup along beach areas, parking lots, Belmont Pool area, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula area and maintenance yard) (Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew) Number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands273 (Litter pickup and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon and other various Wetlands) Number of hours worked at special clean-ups64 Total number CSW hours for April:802 Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis bureau wide 172 Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily.....28 Park acres maintained Park turf814 Park landscape...... 2310 Street Landscape.....143 Water Use MOB General Fund Water report for April



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Mon.	16	Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Tue.	17	Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Wed.	18	Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Th.	19	Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Fri.	20	Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Sat.			
	21	10 a.m noon	3 rd Saturday Wetland Warriors Cleanup
Mon.		Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Tue.	24	Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Wed.	25	Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Th.	26	Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Fri.	27	6 p.m.	Free Summer Kick-off Concert
Sat.	28	9 a.m.	4th Saturday El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup
Mon.	30		Memorial Day
Tue.	31	Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
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			June
Wed.	1	Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Th.	2	Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Fri.	3	10 a.m. – noon	3rd Saturday Wetland Warriors Cleanup
		Hours Vary	
Mon.			Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Tue.	7	Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Wed.		6 p.m.	Free Summer Kick-off Concert
Th.	9	Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Fri.	10	Hours Vary	Free After-School Programs (ages 5 -12), M-F
Mon.	13	2:30 - 5 p.m.	Free Mobile Recess Program
			Craftsman Village Park, 850 Orange Ave.
Tue.	14	2:30 - 5 p.m.	Free Mobile Recess Program
			17th Street - between Henderson & Chestnut
Wed.	15	2:30 - 5 p.m.	Free Mobile Recess Program
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Fri.	17	2:30 - 5 p.m.	Free Mobile Recess Program
			Grace Park, 361 E. Plymouth Street
Mon.	20	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12
		5-8 p.m.	Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours
		Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Encanto"
Tue.	21	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12
		5-8 p.m.	Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours
Wed.	22	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12
		5-8 p.m.	Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours
		Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Encanto"
Th.	23	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12
	20	5-8 p.m.	Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours
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Fri.	24	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12
		5-8 p.m.	Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours
		Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Encanto"
Sat.	25	9 a.m.	4th Saturday El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup
Mon.	27	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12
		5-8 p.m.	Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours
		Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Boss Baby Family Business"
Tue.	28	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12
		5-8 p.m.	Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours
Wed.	29	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12
		5-8 p.m.	Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours
			Free Movie in the Park "Boss Baby Family Business"
Th	20	Dusk	
Th.	30	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12
		5-8 p.m.	Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours

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