

# We Create Community



## 80z All Stars Concert Celebrates the Start of Summer



Memorial Day weekend is often seen as the unofficial start of summer and Park, Recreation and Marine got the season going with its traditional summer kick off concert on May 27.

The “ultimate 80’s” tribute band, 80z All-Stars, performed a free concert at Marine Stadium. Concert-goers were on their

feet dancing and singing along to the sounds of Duran Duran, Devo, Bon Jovi, Rick Springfield, and other 80’s legends.

For information on upcoming free summer concerts including the Long Beach Municipal Band, Long Beach Community Band and El Dorado Nature Center concerts, visit [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org).

## Director's Corner



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“June is busting out all over,” or so the old-time song goes, but for PRM, June FUN is bursting forth throughout our parks, beaches, and marinas. As the school year ends, our Community Recreation Services team is gearing up for the June 20th Summer Kick-off. Needless to say, tens of thousands of Long Beach residents and visitors will be creating cherished memories from special events and activities that our department helps present throughout the summer season.

June is also, “Pet Preparedness Month,” and our Animal Care Services team is reminding residents that natural disasters affect the whole family, including furry friends. Pet Preparedness Month encourages residents to incorporate the wellness of their pets in family emergency plans. With Fourth of July around the corner, festivities with loud noises, flashing lights, and strong smells can affect your pet’s behavior. You are encouraged to monitor your pet to ensure their safety and the safety of others.

Residents are encouraged to include pet supplies in emergency go-kits in the event sudden evacuations are needed. Residents are also encouraged to register their pets with Long Beach Animal Care Services and microchip pets to make reuniting quicker and easier, in the event they are separated during a disaster. Pets can become disoriented and wander away from home in a crisis.

The summer concert season brings amazing musical performances within the scenic settings of parks throughout the city. The array of Community Band and Municipal Band concerts are complemented also by many other music festivals and special events in the coming months. A calendar of these concerts along with our Movies in the Parks and Be S.A.F.E. movie presentations are found on our PRM website.

Even though my father and both grandfathers have since passed away, I became a grandfather for the first time this year. I want to wish all of you who will be honoring those family members during Father’s Day this month to have a safe, fun and memorable celebration.

Last year, the City of Long Beach was one of the first cities to formally recognize and celebrate the new national holiday of Juneteenth. This year a pair of Juneteenth celebrations are being planned for Martin Luther King Park and Rainbow Lagoon Park.

June 2022 will usher in some phenomenal park and beach improvement projects. Notably, the addition of three new beach-front ADA access mats and the celebration of the dinosaur-themed adventure playground in Recreation Park. The new Wibit water playground at Alamitos Beach will be opening on Saturday, June 18th. Enjoy the return of summer and keep “U” in the center of FUN!

## Naturalist Notes: Hoary Bats



Hoary bats are one of North America’s largest bats at five inches in length and one of the continent’s most distinguished with its frosted fur for which it takes its name. An average bat can eat 1,000 to 1,200 mosquitoes in a single hour.

If you see a bat on the ground, especially during the day, please call your Long Beach Animal Care Services immediately, and do not pick the animal up. Less than one percent of bats have rabies, but bats that act strangely should always be dealt with by a professional rescue or officer. If you have question you can always call our Visitors Center at 562.570.1745.



*Hoary bats have a hearty appetite for mosquitoes.*

# Long Beach Municipal Band 2022 Summer Concert Season



The Long Beach Municipal Band will celebrate their 113th season this year with free outdoor summer concerts in Long Beach parks, from June 28 through August 5, 2022, with a different theme every week. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and are free.

Tuesdays, June 28 and July 5, Whaley Park

Tuesdays, July 12, 19 and 26, Bluff Park

Tuesday, August 2, Veterans Park

Wednesdays, June 29 - August 3, Los Cerritos Park

Thursdays, June 30 - August 4, Larry Curtis Concert Park at Marine Stadium Park

Fridays, July 1 - August 5, El Dorado Park West

**Week 1 (June 28-July 1) — “United We Stand.”** The band will perform a salute to American freedom through music. These patriotic favorites will awaken national and community pride. The Studio Band will close each evening with the popular vocalist Meloney Collins.

**Week 2 (July 5-8) — “Give My Regards to Broadway.”** Hear Broadway music that has dazzled audiences for decades and will bring back fond memories of music that has shaped our lives. The evening will conclude with the exciting debut of vocalist, Crystal Lewis.

**Week 3 (July 12-15) — “Legends of Song.”** The band offers musical tributes to Sinatra, Streisand, Presley and more.

Vocalists Nicole Kubis and Meloney Collins will team up with the Studio Band to pay tribute to the legendary, Barbara Morrison.

**Week 4 (July 19-22) — “Let’s Dance.”** Conductor Kurt Curtis has selected an array of dance music from national to popular and ceremonial origins, dance music is as enjoyable to hear as it is a challenge to play. Tony Galla returns with the Studio Band as the featured jazz artist.

**Week 5 (July 26-29) — “Cinema Classics.”** Come... close your eyes and be transported into your favorite Cinema Classics through the scores of composers such as John Williams, Alan Menken and Jerry Goldsmith. The talented Mark Kopitzke joins the Studio Band for this fun-filled week.

**Week 6 (August 2-5) — “Ragtime, Dixie, and All That Jazz.”** This week the band will explore three great traditions of American music with Ragtime, Dixie, and All That Jazz. The Studio Band, along with vocalist Nicole Kubis, concludes the Summer Season with style!

The concert series is made possible with sponsorship from the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Energy Resources, Long Beach Environmental Services, the Port of Long Beach, Partners of Parks and the Friends of the Long Beach Municipal Band.

## Celebrate Summer With Long Beach Community Band



The Long Beach Community Band wind ensemble has been entertaining crowds since 1947 with a wide variety of music. Come out and hear them this summer at these parks. All shows begin at 6:15 p.m.

June 22	Admiral Kidd Park	July 27	Houghton Park
June 29	MacArthur Park	August 17	Drake Park
July 11	Bixby Park	August 1	Whaley Park

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# Be S.A.F.E. Summer Activities in a Friendly Environment

“Be S.A.F.E.” (Summer Activities in a Friendly Environment) is a program funded by the Long Beach Recovery Act that extends free supervision hours at designated parks during the evening and employing neighborhood youth. Be S.A.F.E. offers arts and crafts, outdoor games, sports, science activities, computer labs and more. By keeping selected parks activated in the evening hours, residents have many options for recreation and spending time together. The program will be offered Monday through Friday, from June 20 -August 26, from 5-8 p.m. at the following sites:



- Admiral Kidd Park, 2125 Santa Fe Ave.
- Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Ave.
- Drake Park, 951 Maine Ave.
- Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Ave.
- Orizaba Park, 1435 Orizaba Ave.
- Pan American Park, 5157 E. Centralia St.
- Ramona Park, 3301 E. 65th St.
- Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Blvd.
- Seaside Park, 14th St. at Chestnut Ave.
- Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St.

Free Be S.A.F.E. movie showings also will take place at Long Beach parks this summer:

June 23	<i>Black Widow</i> PG-13	Ramona Park
June 30	<i>Paw Patrol the Movie</i>	Silverado Park
July 7	<i>Pokémon Detective Pikachu</i>	Pan American Park
July 14	<i>Jungle Cruise</i> PG-13	M.L. King Jr. Park
July 21	<i>The Mitchells vs. The Machines</i>	Drake Park
July 28	<i>Cruella</i> PG-13	Seaside Park
August 4	<i>The Sponge Bob Movie Sponge on the Run</i>	Admiral Kidd Park
August 11	<i>The Incredibles 2</i>	Bixby Park
August 18	<i>Mulan (2020)</i> PG-13	Scherer Park
August 23	<i>Spider-Man: No Way Home</i> PG-13 (Marvel)	Orizaba Park
August 25:	<i>Spider-Man: No Way Home</i> PG-13 (Marvel)	Houghton Park



## Movies in the Park Sponsored by Signal Hill Petroleum and Partners of Parks

In addition to the Be S.A.F.E. movie showings, Signal Hill Petroleum, in cooperation with Partners of Parks, will sponsor the popular “Movies in the Park.” The series attracts thousands of people every summer. This year’s season runs from June 17 through August 21, and movies begin at dusk. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, picnic style dinner, and family and friends. A list of this year’s movies is available at LBParks.org.

<i>Encanto</i>	June 20 - Signal Hill June 22 - Admiral Kidd June 24 – Lincoln Park
<i>Boss Baby Family Business</i>	June 27-DeForest June 29-MacArthur July 1-Veterans
<i>The Addams Family 2</i>	July 6 Stearns Champions July 8-Somerset
<i>Space Jam</i>	July 11-Bixby July 13-Chavez July 15-Atlantic Plaza July 16-Signal Hill
<i>Clifford the Big Red Dog</i>	July 18-Scherer July 20-College Estates July 22-Wardlow

<i>Shang Chi and the Ten Rings</i> (PG-13)	July 25-Marina Vista July 27-Houghton July 29 -McBride
<i>Sing 2</i>	August 1-Whaley August 3-Orizaba August 5 Grace August 8-King August 10-Pan American August 12-Signal Hill August 15-Silverado August 17-Drake August 19-Ramona August 22-Cherry August 24-Coolidge August 26-El Dorado West
<i>Jumanji: The Next Level</i> (PG-13)	
<i>Soul</i>	
<i>Luca</i>	

Movies on the beach schedule:  
<https://www.longbeach.gov/special-events-filming/events/>  
 Granada Beach 8-10 p.m.



June 21	July 28
June 28	August 2
July 12	August 9
July 29	August 16

# El Dorado Nature Center Summer Concerts and Movies

El Dorado Nature Center has planned concerts and movie for families and friends to experience in the serene outdoor oasis in the middle of our busy city.



## Summer Concert Series

Join us for a great evening of music in our beautiful lake-side setting. Gates open at 6:30 p.m., Concert from 7-8

p.m. Friends of El Dorado Nature Center members can enter early at 6 p.m. Bring an eco-friendly dinner and low chairs. Call (562) 570-1745 for more information.



June 16 – Big City Hillbillies (Rock and Country)

June 30 – Steel Parade (Calypso)

July 14 – The Salty Suites – (Old Ireland to current hits)

July 28 – Sligo Rags (Celtic, jazz ad bluegrass)

August 11 – Corday (Rock)

August 25 – JP McDermott and Western Bop (Rockabilly and Honky Tonk)

**Free Movies at El Dorado Nature Center – Opossum Patch – 8 p.m.**

*Goonies*, Tuesday, July 5

*Raiders of the Lost Ark*, Tuesday, August 9



# Get in the Swim of Things This Summer



Parks, Recreation and Marine has classes and swim programs for all ages this summer.

## Learn to Swim Classes

Class Levels, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5-6, 6, Parent and Child, and Pre-K levels, at Belmont Plaza Pool, 4320 E. Olympic Plaza; King Park Pool, 1910

Lemon Ave.; Silverado Park Pool, 1540 W. 32nd St.; Cabrillo High School Pool, 2001 Santa Fe Ave.; Jordan High School Pool, 6500 Atlantic Ave.; and Millikan High School Pool, 2800 Snowden Ave. Register at [LBparks.org](http://LBparks.org).

## All Ages Recreation Swims

Free for youth under age 17 compliments of Long Beach Unified School District. Adults, ages 18-49, \$3; Seniors over age 50, \$2.\*Adults 18-49, \$4; Ages 50 and over, \$3.

Belmont Plaza Pool\*

Mon.-Sat., 1-3 p.m.; Mon., Wed., Fri., 7-9 p.m.

Cabrillo High School Pool  
Jordan High School Pool  
M.L. King Jr. Park Pool

Millikan High School Pool  
Silverado Park Pool

## Adult Lap Swim

Adults, ages 18-49, \$3  
Seniors over age 50, \$2.

Belmont Plaza Pool\*

Cabrillo High School Pool  
Jordan High School Pool  
M.L. King Jr. Park Pool

Millikan High School Pool  
Silverado Park Pool

Mon.-Fri., Noon-2 p.m.

Mon.-Fri., 1-3 p.m.

Mon.-Fri., 1-3 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., 1-3:30 p.m.

Thu. & Th., 6:30-8 p.m.

Mon.,Wed.,Fri., 1-3 p.m.

Mon.-Fri., 1-3 p.m.

Wed., 7-8:30 p.m.

Mon.-Fri., 5:30-9:30 a.m.

Mon.- Fri., noon-1 p.m.

Tu. & Th., 7-9 p.m.; Sat, 8 a.m.-noon

Mon.-Fri., noon-2 p.m.

Mon.-Fri., 10-1 p.m.

Tu., Th. F, 6-8 a.m.

Mon.-Sun., noon -1 p.m.

Mon.-Fri., noon-1 p.m.

Mon., Wed., Fri., 1-3:30 p.m.

Wed., 7-8:30 p.m.

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## Employee of the Month for March - Jeff King



Congratulations to Queensway Bay Maintenance Supervisor Jeff King on being named the Employee of the Month for March 2022. Jeff has worked for the City of Long Beach for almost nine years. Here is a little about Jeff:

What do you like to do in your free time? Listen to music, spend time with my family, read my Bible and MMORPG PC gaming.

What's your biggest work achievement so far? The renovation and beautification of our Tidelands landscaping.

What's your own advice that you always follow? Treat everyone the way that I would like them to treat me.

What's one small thing that makes your day better? A smile. Someone giving me a big smile always makes me feel good.

Who inspires you? The Apostle Paul.

What are you famous for at work? Working to solve problems across interdepartmental lines.

What song is always in your head when you're working? Good, Good Father by Chris Tomlin.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be? To stop death and pain.

Who would play you in a movie of your life? Val Kilmer.

Using one word, how would you describe your family? Loving.

Would you rather be the best player on a horrible team or the worst player on a great team? The best on a horrible team. I would rather be an inspiration to someone than let them down.

What is the name of your imaginary boat in the marina? Entrance.



## Employee of the Month for April - Caitlynn Cruz



Congratulations to Aquatics Supervisor Caitlynn Cruz on her selection as the Employee of the Month for April 2022. She has worked for the City of Long Beach for four years and seven months. She recently answered a few questions so we can get to know her better.

What's the last TV show you binge-watched? Kim's Convenience.

What's the best thing you've learned in your current position? Be the "eye of the storm."

What's your own advice that you always follow? Lead by example.

What's one small thing that makes your day better? Going home to my husband.

Who inspires you? My parents. They are hard workers and have been excellent examples for me.

What is or would be a good nickname for you at work? Chaos Coordinator.

What music always gets you onto the dancefloor? Merengue.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be? The ability to fly.

Who would play you in a movie of your life? Megan Markle.

Using one word, how would you describe your family? Adventurous.

A genie gives you one wish. What is it? An all-expense paid vacation every year for life.

Would you rather have a completely automated home or a self-driving car? Automated home.



## Maintenance Updates Michael K Green Skate Park Renovations



Skaters have been enjoying the Micheal K. Green Skate Park at 14th Street Park since 2009. After 13 years of continuous use, Parks, Recreation and Marine Maintenance staff renovated the popular facility.

Holes in the half pipe and arched sheet were repaired by resurfacing with new metal sheeting and patching smaller holes and countersinking areas to snugly fit bolts.

## Scherer Park Slide Repaired

After several supply chain delays staff was glad to get the parts to fix a slide at Scherer Park that has been missed by young park goers.

The skilled Maintenance team used a forklift to help remove the old slide, cut and adjusted the support beam to fit the new slide, dug footings and used the forklift again to install the new slide and side panels.



### Maintenance Operations Bureau

#### Community Service Workers Program

*Attendance figures for the month of May 2021*

Number of persons enrolled in the program for May .....	40
Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance ....	136 (Litter pickup along beach areas, parking lots, Belmont Pool area, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula area and maintenance yard)
Number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas .....	169 (Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)
Number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands .....	66 (Litter pickup and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon and other various Wetlands)
Number of hours worked at special clean-ups .....	96
<b>Total number CSW hours for May:</b> .....	467
Work orders completed .....	505
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis bureau wide .....	172
Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily.....	28
Park acres maintained	
Park turf .....	814
Park landscape.....	2310
Street Landscape.....	143

#### **Water Use**

MOB General Fund Water report for May	
Parks Potable .....	33,2526 ccf.....\$145,417
Parks Reclaimed .....	63,108 ccf .....

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# Calendar

## June

Th.	16	2:30 - 5 p.m.	Free Mobile Recess Program	Rose Park, Orizaba and 8th St. 17th Street - between Henderson & Chestnut 23rd St - between Cedar & Chestnut Aves.
Fri.	17	2:30 - 5 p.m.	Free Mobile Recess Program	Grace Park, 361 E. Plymouth Street
Mon.	20	noon – 5 p.m. 5-8 p.m. Dusk	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12 Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours Free Movie in the Park <i>Encanto</i>	Visit LBParks.org for locations Signal Hill Park, 1780 E. Hill St.
Tue.	21	noon – 5 p.m. 5-8 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12 Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours	Visit LBParks.org for locations Visit LBParks.org for locations
Wed.	22	noon – 5 p.m. 5-8 p.m. Dusk	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12 Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours Free Movie in the Park <i>Encanto</i>	Visit LBParks.org for locations Visit LBParks.org for locations Admiral Kidd Park
Th.	23	noon – 5 p.m. 5-8 p.m. Dusk	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12 Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours Free Movie in the Park <i>Encanto</i>	Visit LBParks.org for locations Visit LBParks.org for locations Signal Hill Park, 1780 E. Hill St.
Fri.	24	noon – 5 p.m. 5-8 p.m. Dusk	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12 Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours Free Movie in the Park <i>Encanto</i>	Visit LBParks.org for locations Visit LBParks.org for locations Lincoln Park
Mon.	27	noon – 5 p.m. 5-8 p.m. Dusk	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12 Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours Free Movie in the Park <i>Boss Baby Family Business</i>	Visit LBParks.org for locations Visit LBParks.org for locations DeForest Park
Tue.	28	noon – 5 p.m. 6:30- p.m. 5-8 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12 Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours	Visit LBParks.org for locations Whaley Park
Wed.	29	noon – 5 p.m. 6:30- p.m. 5-8 p.m. Dusk	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12 Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours Free Movie in the Park <i>Boss Baby Family Business</i>	Visit LBParks.org for locations Visit LBParks.org for locations Los Cerritos Park
Th.	30	noon – 5 p.m. 6:30- p.m. 5-8 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12 Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Be S.A.F.E. Extended Supervised Recreation Hours	Visit LBParks.org for locations MacArthur Park Marine Stadium Visit LBParks.org for locations

## July

Fri.	1	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie in the Park <i>Boss Baby Family Business</i>	El Dorado Park West Veterans Park
Tue.	5	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Whaley Park
Wed.	6	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie in the Park <i>The Addams Family 2</i>	Los Cerritos Park Stearns Champions Park
Th.	7	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
Fri.	8	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie in the Park <i>The Addams Family 2</i>	El Dorado Park West Somerset Park
Mon.	11	8 p.m.	Free Movie in the Park <i>Space Jam</i>	Bixby Park
Tue.	12	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Bluff Park
Wed.	13	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie in the Park <i>Space Jam</i>	Los Cerritos Park Chavez Park
Th.	14	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
Fri.	15	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie in the Park <i>Space Jam</i>	El Dorado Park West Atlantic Plaza
Sat.	16	8 p.m.	Free Movie in the Park <i>Space Jam</i>	Signal Hill Park
Mon.	18	8 p.m.	Free Movie in the Park <i>Clifford the Big Red Dog</i>	Scherer Park
Tue.	19	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Bluff Park
Wed.	20	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie in the Park <i>Clifford the Big Red Dog</i>	Los Cerritos Park College Estates
Th.	21	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
Fri.	22	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie in the Park <i>Clifford the Big Red Dog</i>	El Dorado Park West Wardlow
Mon.	25	8 p.m.	Shang Chi and the Ten Rings (PG-13)	Marina Vista Park
Tue.	26	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Bluff Park
Wed.	27	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert <i>Shang Chi and the Ten Rings</i> (PG-13)	Los Cerritos Park Houghton Park
Th.	28	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
Fri.	29	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert <i>Shang Chi and the Ten Rings</i> (PG-13)	El Dorado Park West McBride Park



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