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LONG BEACH PRM SPRING CLASS REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW



Registration for a variety of new and existing recreation classes is going on now.

More than 700 activities in art, music, nature, fitness, special interest subjects, adult sports leagues and aquatics will begin in March and continue through May 2024.

The upcoming classes for the spring include options for every age range, including:

PRESCHOOL

D-UP Tiny Ballers: Basketball fundamentals class (ages 3 to 6).

Preschool Cake Design: An art class on cakes (ages 2 to 7).

Petit Ballet: a beginning class (ages 2 years, six months to 5).

YOUTH

Math Development 2-6, teacher structured (ages 6 years, six months to 11).

Reading Development 2-6, teacher structured (ages 6 years, six months to 11).

Basic Cooking for Kids: Cooking techniques, safety and more (ages 7 to 12).

Jazz /Tap: Introduction to turns, combinations, steps and more (ages 6 to 13).

Keyboard Kids: Rhythm, note recognition and keyboard techniques (ages 5 to 6).

TEENS AND ADULTS

Drawing Fundamentals: Contours, lines, composition and more (minimum age 16).

Belly Dance: Burn calories, reduce stress and increase self-esteem (minimum age 14).

Karate: Teaches blocks, punches, strikes and kicks (minimum age 13).

Tai Chi & Qigong: Relax mind and body with controlled movements (minimum age 18).

ADULTS 50+

Round Dance Intermediate/Advanced: Drop In -Fee per person, per class.

Gentle Yoga, All Levels: Improve flexibility, strength and balance.

Zumba® Gold Toning: Great body workout with Salsa, Tango, Cha Cha and more.

Residents can now register for classes online, in person or by mail.

Online: Register anytime at LBParks.org. By Mail: Send the completed registration form (page 55 in Recreation Connection) and payment to: City of Long Beach, 2760 Studebaker Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815. Please write address, phone number and class #(s) on the check.

In Person: Bring the completed registration form and payment to the PRM Registration Reservations Office (2760 Studebaker Rd.) weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information call 562.570.3111.

Residents can browse new and existing spring classes in the Recreation Connection, PRM's programs catalog, available at LBParks.org or at Long Beach park community centers and Long Beach Public Library branches. In addition to fee-based classes, Recreation Connection also lists a variety of free and low-cost activities for families to enjoy, including youth sports leagues, teen centers, senior centers and much more.

More information about PRM programs and offerings are available at LBParks.org.

Director's Corner

BRENT DENNIS, DIRECTOR, LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



Our Parks, Recreation, Marine, and Animal Care Services team proudly celebrates with the City of Long Beach, Black History Month. I had the privilege recently of touring the

African American Cultural Center that is prominently located in the Atlantic frontage of the Expo Arts Center South Gallery. Sharon Diggs Jackson provided a great tour of the current excellent museum-quality exhibition worthy of everyone's visit and enlightenment. We acknowledge and support the many aspects and cultural significance of Black History Month throughout our community centers, special events, and programs.

February, as a winter month in Long Beach, usually brings us cooler, wet conditions across our parks and beaches. It is always encouraging to still see our community braving the elements to recreate and stay healthy and fit. One part of our parks system that seems to stay very active year-round is our skate parks. Later this month, with gratitude to the ASK Foundation, we will be celebrating the reopening of an amazing update of the Silverado Park skate park. The improvements take many of the surface-mounted skate park elements and transform those forms into more permanent concrete features. A special

thanks to Mike Donelan, the Executive Director of the ASK Foundation and the Tony Hawk Foundation for their leadership and funding support of the Silverado skate park project.

One of the first Elevate 28 capital projects was initiated with a celebratory groundbreaking on the final Friday of January at Junipero Beach. The new sports courts are an exciting addition to the current basketball courts that will include another full basketball court along with a dedicated roller-skating area and integrated seating. The project is projected to be completed by Memorial Day 2024. As a reminder, the five-year capital improvements program known as Elevate 28, has over \$750 million in identified projects as Long Beach prepares for helping welcome the world to the LA 28 Olympics while investing in important initiatives that include our parks.

Congratulations to Dr. Melanie Wagner, our new Long Beach Animal Care Services Bureau Manager. Melanie joined LBACS last year to fill the first created position of Superintendent for the bureau. Upon the resignation of former Bureau Manager, Staycee Dains, the search, and interview process was conducted that led to the final selection and successful appointment of Melanie to this important leadership position. Best wishes to Melanie and the LBACS team for great success and advancement of the Compassion Saves mission for the benefit of all the animals that come under our care.

As February 2024, brings us an extra day in the Leap Year, on our way to the 29th we will be celebrating Valentine's Day and Presidents Day. We hope you'll make the most of your February and fall in love with our parks, beaches, and engaging programs and special events. Parks Make Long Beach...Parks Make Life Better!

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LONG BEACH ANIMAL CARE SERVICES APPOINTS MELANIE WAGNER AS MANAGER



Dr. Melanie Wagner has been appointed Manager of the

Long Beach Animal Care Services Bureau (LBACS). LBACS serves approximately 575,000 residents and pets in Long Beach, Cerritos, Los Alamitos and Signal Hill.

Dr. Wagner joined LBACS as a Superintendent in May 2023. With the resignation of former Bureau Manager, Melanie was asked to serve in the role of Acting Bureau

Manager and was successful in advancing through the search and interview process leading to her selection as the new LBACS Bureau Manager.

Melanie brings an impressive resume of experience and knowledge about animal care and the LBACS Compassion Saves model. operating model supports people and animals through outreach, education, guidance, and support services.

Melanie has over 20 years of professional experience in animal welfare and has a lifetime of experience working with animals. As a child and young adult, her family worked professionally to rescue and rehabilitate wildlife.

She earned her PhD in Leadership and Change while also serving as the Education Director for spcaLA for 10 years. Melanie left spcaLA in 2015 when she began working at Kitty Bungalow in Los Angeles as the Executive Director. She turned the agency into one of the most reliable and reputable cat organizations in LA County. In addition, Melanie is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT) and has her own dog training business.

Youth Indoor Soccer Leagues

Season Begins April 6, 2024

Online Registration February 12-March 11 · Uniform Fee: \$10, scholarships available

INDOOR SOCCER SEASON DATES: SATURDAYS, APRIL 6-MAY 11, 2024

PRACTICES BEGIN THE WEEK OF MARCH 20. PRACTICES HELD OUTDOORS, GAMES HELD INDOORS.

May 18th Youth Sports Invitational for teams that qualify

Coed Soccer

Ages 5-8 (Born 2016-2019)



Boys Soccer

Ages 9-14 (Born 2010-2015)



Girls Soccer

Ages 9-14 (Born 2010-2015)

Call your local park to sign up

Admiral Kidd (562) 570-1600
Bixby (562) 570-1601
Chavez (562) 570-8890
Cherry (562) 570-1615
College Estates (562) 570-1710
Coolidge (562) 570-1618
Drake (562) 570-1625
El Dorado West (562) 570-3225

Houghton (562) 570-1640
King (562) 570-4405
Mac Arthur (562) 570-1655
McBride (562) 570-1605
Orizaba (562) 570-1427
Pan American (562) 570-3287
Ramona (562) 570-1665
Scherer (562) 570-1674

Seaside (562) 570-1625
Silverado (562) 570-1675
Somerset (562) 570-8915
Stearns
Champions (562) 570-2867
Veterans (562) 570-1695
Wardlow (562) 570-1705
Whaley (562) 570-1710

Visit www.teamsideline.com/longbeach for registration information and links to your park site.

WRAP SITES: 570-3530
Burbank Elementary
Edison Elementary

Garfield Elementary
Grant Elementary
Herrera Elementary

Hudson (K-8th grade)
King Elementary
Lafayette Elementary



**CITY OF
LONG
BEACH**

GRAND REOPENING CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR RENOVATED SILVERADO SKATE PARK



The public is invited to the grand reopening of the Silverado Skate Park

on Saturday February 24 from noon- 5 p.m. Silverado Park is located at 1545 W 31st St.

The skate park features new equipment designed with input from local skateboarders and artists. Contributors and donors include Nouns DAO, Tony Hawk's The Skatepark Project, Spohn Ranch, Keen Ramps, John Morris, and Port of Long Beach.

The Action Sports Kids (ASK) Foundation, a Long Beach-based nonprofit, will host the event featuring free skating lessons, award presentations, and a ribbon cutting.

- Noon to 2 p.m. - Free skate and skate lessons
- 2 p.m. - Presentation and ribbon cutting
- 3-5 p.m. - Free skate and skate lessons

For more information, call 562-896-8846.

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

FREE MOBILE RECESS

Mobile Recess staff drive trucks loaded with supplies and equipment to designated neighborhood streets and provide free crafts, sports, games, and enrichment for ages 5-14 in a supervised environment. Register on-site during program hours.



MONDAY

Rose Park,
Orizaba Ave. & 8th St.
3 - 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Hudson Park,
2335 Webster Ave.
3 - 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Jackson Park,
1432 E. Jackson St.
2 - 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Hudson Park,
2335 Webster Ave.
2:30 - 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

Officer Daryle W. Black
Memorial Park,
2023 Pasadena Ave.
2 - 4:30 p.m.

Funded by the Long Beach Recovery Act.

<https://www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/youth-programs/mobile-recess/>

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE HOSTS COMMUNITY RECREATION SERVICES JOB FAIR



Despite it being a rainy day, more than 65 job seekers attended the

Community Recreation Services Job Fair on January 20 at Houghton Park. Attendees had opportunities to meet staff and learn what a day in the

life of a Long Beach Recreation Leader is like. Interviews were held on site for positions ranging from Aquatics, Day Camps, Youth and Adult Sports, Older Adults, Teens, Mobile Recreation and Virtual Recreation.

The advance promotion for the Fair resulted in all Long Beach zip codes being represented as well as people from Carson, Compton, Signal Hill, Los Angeles, Los Alamitos, Bellflower, Cerritos, Lomita and Lakewood.



Information about upcoming job fairs is posted on www.longbeach.gov/park/about-us/job-opportunities/.

MAINTENANCE STAFF MANAGE EFFECTS OF RECORD-BREAKING STORMS



During the first week of February nearly 10 inches of rain fell in Long Beach, almost more than the average annual City rainfall of 12.02 inches.

The Parks, Recreation and Marine Maintenance Divisions worked tirelessly on cleanup efforts to keep facilities, grounds, beach and marina areas safe.

Beach Maintenance continually fortified berms in high-risk zones and kept all beach drains open and operational. This staff has also begun removing heavy debris from the beach.

The crews assisted peninsula residents who experienced significant water intrusion and pumped water from flooded areas at Peninsula Ocean/69th and 1st Place.

The Rainbow Harbor debris boom was staffed 24 hours a day.

Grounds Maintenance staff worked to remove fallen tree branches throughout the city and a large fallen tree at Recreation Park. The Grounds staff will also work to address grave sites at Sunnyside Cemetery where erosion caused graves to sink.

Park Facility Maintenance staff are planning repairs for multiple roof leaks at various community centers.

During this time period El Dorado Nature Center and El Dorado Regional Park were intermittently closed, and Willow Springs Park and Chittick Field were closed due to flooding.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY HELD FOR JUNIPERO BEACH SPORTS COURTS



FROM LEFT: CHRISTOPHER PEREZ, CONGRESSMAN GARCIA'S OFFICE; AMELIA BODEK, PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT MANAGER; BRENT DENNIS, DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND MARINE; TOM MODICA, CITY MANAGER; REX RICHARDSON, MAYOR OF LONG BEACH; CINDY ALLEN, VICE MAYOR OF LONG BEACH; ERIC LOPEZ, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS; CHARLENE ANGUCO, PUBLIC WORKS OFFICER.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Junipero Beach Sports Courts was held on January 26 with a ceremony featuring Mayor Rex Richardson, Vice Mayor Cindy Allen and other City leaders.


The project will expand recreational opportunities at Junipero Beach, located off Ocean Boulevard and Junipero Avenue, and serve as a new coastal amenity for Long Beach residents and visitors alike. These amenities will include a roller skate area, full basketball court and integrated seating. Currently the space holds a half and full basketball court.

Substantial completion of the sports courts and skating area is expected by spring 2024. The beach bike and pedestrian path will remain open during construction. The project costs \$1,050,000 and is funded by the Tidelands Capital Project program with a pending grant amount of \$150,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Fund South Coast Shoreline Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grants Program.

For the latest project information on the Junipero Sports Court Project, please visit longbeach.gov/junipero-sportsproject.

LEARNING COMMUNITY HUBS

LBParks.org



Free hubs provide a safe space with high-speed internet for students to participate in enriching after school activities, academic support, sports, fitness and more.

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| HOUGHTON PARK (562) 570-1640 | ORIZABA PARK (562) 570-1427 |
| MCBRIDE PARK (562) 570-1605 | VETERANS PARK (562) 570-1695 |

Learning Hubs are open Monday-Friday: 3-6 p.m.

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH TEAM LINCOLN PARK



Congratulations to the Lincoln Park Team which is made up of Community Recreation Services Bureau staff

Garcia, Javier Carrillo, Spencer Cooley, Angelina Mendoza, Emily Matias, Sahian Santoyo, Denise Valles, Hailey Martinez and Robtrell Scott.

This hard-working dedicated group of employees has developed creative programs to serve downtown area patrons. Free movies, family game nights, kids' play dates, fitness equipment orientation, free dance classes and walking groups are offered. Visit lincolnparklb.com for program schedules. The team works with maintenance staff to ensure that activities are held in a safe clean environment.

Lincoln Park offers a universally accessible playground, a dog park with spaces for small and large dogs, fitness equipment, skate park, synthetic turf sports field, discovery zones for learning and exploration and grass areas for seating and play.

Visit [Lincoln ParkLB.com](http://LincolnParkLB.com) for more information.

L-R: ROBTRELL SCOTT, EMILY MATÍAS, SAHIAN SANTOYO, JAVIER CARRILLO, HAILEY MARTINEZ, DENISE VALLES, ZACHARY GARCIA, ANGELINA MENDOZA. NOT PICTURED SPENCER COOLEY.

Summertime in the LBC

with Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine

SUMMER DAY CAMPS



Bixby Park
130 Cherry Ave.
(562) 570-1601

El Dorado West
2800 N Studebaker Rd.
(562) 570-3225

Houghton Park
6301 Myrtle Ave.
(562) 570-1640

Martin Luther King Jr. Park
1950 Lemon Ave.
(562) 570-4405

Pan American Park
5157 Centralia St.
(562) 570-3297

Silverado Park
1545 W 31st St.
(562) 570-1675

Stearns Champions Park
4520 E 23rd St.
(562) 440-2867

Veterans Park
101 E 28th St.
(562) 570-1695

Wardlow Park
3457 Stanbridge Ave.
(562) 570-1705

Whaley Park
5620 E Atherton St.
(562) 570-1710

June 17 – August 23

closed June 19 & July 4

Ages 5-12

Registration begins online April 13 at 9a.m.



Financial assistance available on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call (562) 570-3150 or visit us at LBParks.org



FEBRUARY 2024 CALENDAR

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| Sat. | 17 | 8 a.m. | Registration begins for Tue./Th swim lessons from 2/27-3/21 | King Park Pool |
| | | 8 a.m. | Registration begins for Sat. swim lessons from 3/2-4/20 | Silverado Park Pool |
| | | 10 a.m. – noon | Volunteer Wetland Cleanup | Jack Dunster Reserve |
| | | 10 – 10:45 a.m. | Spanish Language Storytime | Register at rancholoscerritos.org/upcoming-events Rancho Los Cerritos |
| Mon. | 19 | | President's Day Holiday | |
| Tue. | 20 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Wed. | 21 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Th. | 22 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Fri. | 23 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Sat. | 24 | 9-10 a.m. | El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup | Past El Dorado Frontier in Area III |
| | | Noon – 5 p.m. | Skate Park Grand Opening | Silverado Park |
| Mon. | 26 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Tue. | 27 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Wed. | 28 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Th. | 29 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |

MARCH 2024 CALENDAR

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| Fri. | 1 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Sat. | 2 | 10 a.m. – noon | 1st Saturday Stewards Volunteer Cleanup | El Dorado Nature Center |
| Mon. | 4 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Tue. | 5 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Wed. | 6 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Th. | 7 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Fri. | 8 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Mon. | 11 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Tue. | 12 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Wed. | 13 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Sat. | 16 | 10 a.m. – noon | Volunteer Wetland Cleanup | Jack Dunster Reserve |
| | | 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Pet Supplies Plus Pet Adoption Event | 2086 N. Bellflower Blvd. |
| Mon. | 18 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Tue. | 19 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Wed. | 20 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Th. | 21 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Fri. | 22 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Sat. | 23 | 9-10 a.m. | El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup | Past El Dorado Frontier in Area II |
| Mon. | 25 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Tue. | 26 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Wed. | 27 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
| Th. | 28 | Varies M-F | Free After School Recreation Program | Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites |
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Free Mobile Recess Programs February 17--March 1, 2024

Register on Site

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| Monday | 3-5:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 3-5:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 2 - 4:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | 2:30-5:00 p.m. |
| Friday | 2-4:30 p.m. |

Rose Park, corner of Orizaba Avenue and 8th Street
Hudson Park 2335 Webster Ave.
Jackson Park, 1432 E. Jackson St.
Hudson Park 2335 Webster Ave.
Officer Daryle W. Black Memorial Park, 2023 Pasadena Ave.

Visit www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/youth-programs/mobile-recess for more information

LBUSD Students Free Community Learning Hubs ages 5-14, through June 14, 2024

Register online

Monday-Friday 3-6 p.m.

Houghton, McBride, Orizaba and Veterans Parks

To enroll, visit your desired location. Academic support with high-speed internet, sports, fitness and more. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Visit www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/youth-programs/community-learning-hubs for details.

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