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VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE 40TH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY



Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (LBPRM) hosted nearly 1,700 volunteers who made a positive impact

on the local environment at the 40th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 21.

LBPRM provided educational materials to inform the public about marine debris issues and inspire local environmental stewardship.

The group removed more than 3,300 pounds of trash in just three hours at Junipero Beach, Belmont Pier, the Peninsula between 72nd Place and Ocean Blvd., Mother's Beach and the Seal Beach Yacht Club. Site Captains Aquarium of the Pacific, Los Angeles Waterkeeper, Algalita, Seal Beach Yacht Club and the El Dorado Nature Center provided support to the volunteers.

Director's Corner

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



October will be another very engaging month with a bounty of autumn events and fall fun! As we already see many of our parks' deciduous trees turning colors, the cooler temperatures

are a clear reminder of the change of seasons in Long Beach. With Halloween landing on a school night of Thursday, our department will have a variety of 'trunk or treat' style events at many of our community centers during the last week of the month. Another creative collaboration that has become a cool holiday tradition is the Howl-o-ween Festival celebration at the El Dorado Nature Center and the Long Beach Animal Care Services campus next door on Saturday, October 19th. Check out all of the specific details on the website for Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services.

The exciting new vision plan for Martin Luther King Jr. Park that was approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission earlier this year, will be presented for support to the Long Beach City Council on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. The community engagement and outreach coordinated by our Park Planning and Partnerships Bureau team with consultant support by City Fabrick became the basis for the updated master plan for this beloved park

named after the famed civil rights champion. Hundreds of neighbors to the park participated in the process to share their voices and ideas for a park to better meet their active and passive recreational needs and desires.

The long-awaited opening of the new sports courts and skating area at Junipero Beach was set for a ribbon-cutting celebration on Saturday, September 14, 2024, but was unfortunately postponed to a new date and time yet to be determined, likely in the month of December. A new full court for basketball and a special designed roller skating space will expand the fun factor and recreational value of this popular beachfront spot. The project marks another great collaborative effort between our Department and the Public Works Department.

Out on the beautiful beachfront of Long Beach, we will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of The Lone Sailor on Sunday, October 13 at 11 a.m. A replica of The Lone Sailor was dedicated on December 11, 2004. The statue is prominently displayed in Bluff Park at Ocean Boulevard and Paloma Avenue, overlooking Long Beach Harbor. The Long Beach statue honors all of the men and women who served in the Navy and it pays tribute to all military personnel who were brought across the country by each of the military branches to make Long Beach their home. Partners of Parks organized the celebratory event marking two decades of ongoing community support through the Brick Project that raised funds for the surrounding memorial site. The 7-foot high, 2-piece, cast bronze sculpture, modeled on Petty Officer 1st Class Dan Maloney, was created by Stanley Bleifeld.

October is the first month of our City's fiscal year budget for 2025, and our department continues to be grateful to Long Beach City Council for its financial support of the Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services team and all of the programs, special events, and facilities. Our team continues to be dedicated to working diligently every day to deliver clean, safe, welcoming and beautiful parks, beaches, and recreational areas for the community to enjoy. Parks Make Life Better and Parks Make Long Beach! Have a FUNtastic October!

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EL DORADO NATURE CENTER ANNUAL CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SALE

The El Dorado Nature Center will offer their annual California Native Plant Sale from November 5-21 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or while supplies last. The plant sale will feature hundreds of beautiful and beneficial native plants to enhance gardens, patios or balconies and increase habitat for wildlife.



Plant sale patrons can expect an easy shopping experience by completing the following steps:

- Download the Plant Sale Order Form from the PRM website, or fill one out the day of the sale.
- Complete the form by checking the type and quantity of plants you'd like to purchase and turn it in at the Plant Sale area inside the Nature Center's main gate.

- Bring acceptable payment (cash, checks or credit cards) to the pickup.
- After payment, drive to the designated order fulfillment line to pick up plants.
- Enjoy gardening!

Plant quantities are limited, and certain plants may be sold out at time of purchase. Pre-orders are not available, and the items chosen on one's plant order form is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Proceeds from the California Native Plant Sale will benefit Friends of El Dorado Nature Center, an affiliate of the non-profit Partners of Parks, a group that works to cultivate respect, understanding and stewardship of the natural world.

For more information, people may call 562.570.1745, or visit the El Dorado Nature Center webpage.

NEW WATER DEBRIS-COLLECTING DEVICE JELLYFISHBOT DEBUT

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) has begun using a Jellyfishbot, a remotely controlled debris-collecting device that can remove up to 100 pounds of debris from surface-level water in a single mission.



This device allows Marine Bureau staff to efficiently remove small water debris that would otherwise require a boat and additional staffing to drive and net the debris manually. With the Jellyfishbot, one staff member can both remotely operate the device and remove debris. Additionally, the size of the device allows

it to maneuver into hard-to-reach areas. The robot will be used as part of the Marine Bureau's weekly operations, as well as after storm events where an influx of debris is traditionally seen.

To celebrate the debut of the Jellyfishbot, the PRM Adopt a Beach Program, in partnership with the Aquarium of

the Pacific and supported by sponsors Long Beach Container Terminal and Intex Recreation Corporation, launched a youth art and naming contest for the robot. Local youth are invited to welcome this cool new critter by sharing ideas for a chance to name

the Jellyfishbot and have their art displayed on its sides. Youth interested in submitting their ideas can apply on the contest webpage available at lbparks.org now through Friday, Oct. 25 by clicking on the contest link on the home page. The chosen artist will receive a \$1,500 scholarship package, as well as other prizes generously donated by sponsors.

For more information on the Jellyfishbot, the Youth Art Contest, as well as other PRM initiatives, visit lbparks.org.



NAME THE JELLYFISHBOT CONTEST FOR YOUTH RUNS UNTIL OCT 25.

EL DORADO NATURE CENTER HARE RAISING HOWL-O-WEEN FESTIVAL

Join us at the boo-tiful El Dorado Nature Center for a hare-raising good time as you trick-or-treat your way along the trails.

Visit our animal education village or bounce yourself silly in the Ooh-possum Patch. There will be storytelling and face painting, food trucks and crafts. Parking is free, and a suggested donation of \$5 per person to support Partners of Parks/Friends of El Dorado Nature Center at the gate. Dress as your favorite creature and come mingle with ours. See you there! Saturday, October 19, 2-6 p.m., Last Trail Entry- 5 p.m.



SILVERADO PARK FAMILY FUN NEIGHBORHOOD HALLOWEEN FEST



Bring the family to the Neighborhood Halloween Fest on Thursday, October 31 from 4 – 7 p.m. at Silverado Park. Neighbor to Neighbor events sponsored by the State of

California, Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the Long Beach Office of Sustainability are designed to help strengthen communities by bringing neighbors together to engage locally. Enjoy carnival games, music, costume contests and more. For more information, call 562.570.1675.

Mayor Rex Richardson, Councilman Al Austin, and the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine and Public Works cordially invite you to a **Ribbon Cutting** for the **Expansion of Davenport Park** **Tuesday, November 12 at 1 p.m.** 2910 E 55th between Candlewood & South Please call (562) 570-3233 for more information.



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PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE STRATEGIC PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Parks, Recreation and Marine's Strategic Plan is guiding operational, staffing and budget decisions through 2032.

The plan is a tool to adapt park services as the community's needs evolve.



The last quarter from July to September 2024 was a significant time for the Community Recreation Services Bureau as they delivered important, enriching programs during the summer to serve Long Beach residents.

Goal 1: PROVIDE SAFE ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC SPACES

In August, PRM was the beneficiary of \$8,800 from the Mayor's Fund to cover the cost of an additional Day Camp and provide scholarships for youth sports leagues and swimming lessons. These funds support this goal by expanding scholarships to subsidize fee programs for income-qualified participants

Goal 2: MEANINGFUL PROGRAMMING

Summer Day Camps for ages 5-12 were offered at 8 parks and two waterfront locations. Nearly 4,000 camp attendance visits occurred during the 10-week program, reflecting a 6 percent increase at the same sites from 2023. Summer camp programs further Goal 2's desired outcome to increase programming at parks in North, West, and Central Long Beach and increase programs that allow youth to access the beach, ocean and water-related activities.

The Teen Volunteer Program furthered Goal 2 with increased community-based and industry aligned career development opportunities and work-based learning classes to youth. A total of 143 teens providing nearly 10,800 volunteer hours to support summer programming. This includes an increase in 70 more volunteers and 3,000 additional hours from last summer. A total of 19 teen volunteers were hired in the last year.

The Long Beach Recovery (LBRA) Act-funded Virtual Recreation program supported Goal 2 by developing virtual park programming made available online in real time and in recorded programming, creating spaces and opportunities for culturally specific programming focusing on Black, Latinx, Southeast Asian, and other historically marginalized groups. A total of 16 new videos and shorts were created, and 27 videos are available on the PRM YouTube Channel in languages other than English.

The LBRA-funded Mobile Recess program furthers the achievement of Goal 2 by bringing recreation to neigh-

borhoods that do not have access to parks or programs. Four more sites were added this summer and the Long Beach City Council approved funding for another year.

Neighbor-to-Nighbor Community Events funded by the State of California, Governor's Office of Planning and Research and done in partnership with City Fabrick and the Office of Sustainability increased programming at parks in North, West, and Central Long Beach. Events were held at Silverado, McBride and Admiral Kidd in July and August and provided opportunities for residents to connect and receive information about PRM and city resources.

The Jellyfishbot naming and art contest was promoted to build awareness of PRM's latest trash collection device and introduce new environmental stewardship and experiential learning programs aimed at learning about the environment and protecting open space.

Goal 6: SUSTAINABLE PARK ECOSYSTEM

To celebrate the debut of the Jellyfishbot, a new trash collecting device, the PRM Adopt a Beach Program, in partnership with the Aquarium of the Pacific and supported by sponsors Long Beach Container Terminal and Intex Recreation Corporation, invited youth to name and create art for the device. The chosen artist will receive a \$1,500 scholarship package, and other prizes donated by sponsors. This contest is an engaging way to connect with schools, libraries, nonprofits, businesses and organizations to expand programming offered by the PRM Department.

The 40th annual California Coastal Cleanup Day was held on September 21. The event supported Goal 6 objectives to increase park clean-up volunteer opportunities and keep the beach and marinas clean of debris, and to help maximize activation and tourism. El Dorado Nature Center hosted five sites where nearly 1700 volunteers removed more than 3,300 lbs. of trash on our beaches.

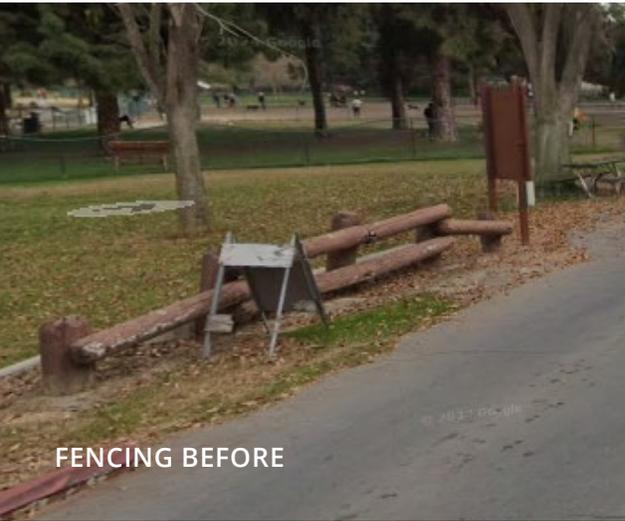


Goal 7: ENSURE A DIVERSE AND DYNAMIC WORKFORCE

The Justice, Equity, Diversion and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee increased training on implicit bias, racial equity, cultural competency, and customer service and provided resources for staff to utilize and incorporate practices in our spaces and programs. Highlights this quarter include a presentation on the NRPA Equity Language guide and a celebration of Hispanic Heritage month.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3x2L22R> to learn more.

FACILITIES, MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS & MARINE MAINTENANCE MAKEOVERS



FENCING BEFORE



FENCING AFTER

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE EL DORADO REGIONAL PARK FENCING

The Facility Maintenance staff replaced rotting rail fencing at the El Dorado Regional Park entrance culvert crossing at the entrance. The new fence is safer and provides great curb appeal improvement.



BEFORE

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MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS BUREAU PAN AMERICAN PARK

Pan American Park patrons are enjoying the newly striped and resurfaced gym floor just completed by the Maintenance Operations Bureau.



BEFORE

AFTER

MARINE MAINTENANCE COLORADO LAGOON PAKING LOT

The Marine Maintenance team recently finished patching, slurry sealing and restriping of the Colorado Lagoon parking lot near Ubuntu Restaurant.

LONG BEACH ANIMAL CARE SERVICES SPOOK-TACULAR ADOPTION EVENT

Don't miss out on taking home your new BOO! during the month of October.

This Adoption event is going on at Long Beach Animal Care Services now through Thursday October 31. Adoption fee is only \$13 for any long-stay animals (over 30 days).

Long Beach Animal Care services is located at 7700 Spring St. Open Wednesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Free After School Programs for Youth AGES 5 TO 12



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After-school programs are non-custodial programs, registered participants may come at their discretion. Participants will receive homework assistance and enjoy enrichment activities and games. Pre-registration is required. To register, participants can visit the park of their choice at the following times:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 2:30 - 5:30 P.M.

- College Estates Park, 808 Stevely Ave.
- MacArthur Park, 1321 E. Anaheim St.
- Pan American Park, 5157 E. Centralia St.
- Whaley Park, 5620 E. Atherton St.

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 3 - 6 P.M.

- Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Ave.
- Cesar E. Chavez Park, 401 Golden Ave.
- Coolidge Park, 352 E. Neece St.
- Drake Park, 951 Maine Ave.
- El Dorado Park West, 2800 N. Studebaker Rd.

- Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Ave.
- McBride Park, 1550 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
- Orizaba Park, 1435 Orizaba Ave.
- Ramona Park, 3301 E. 65th St.
- Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Blvd.
- Seaside Park, 14th Street at Chestnut Ave.
- Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St.
- Somerset Park, 1500 E. Carson St.
- Stearns Champions Park, 4520 E. 23rd St.
- Veterans Park, 101 E. 28th St.
- Wardlow Park, 3457 Stanbridge Ave.

For availability and registration information, call the location of your choice.

OCTOBER 2024 CALENDAR

Th. 17	2:30-5:30 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
Fri. 18	3-7 p.m.	Free Teen Center recreation activities	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Sat. 19	10 a.m. - noon	3rd Saturday Wetland Warrior Cleanup. Register at 562.570.1745	Jack Dunster Reserve
Mon. 21	10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Low Cost Vaccination Clinic	Long Beach Animal Care Services
	2 - 6 p.m.	How-O-Ween Festival free parking / suggested \$5 donation	El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 22	6-10 p.m.	Free Break Dance and Hip Hop Classes	Homeland Cultural Center
Wed. 23	2:30-5:30 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
	3-6 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
Th. 24	2:30-5:30 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
	3-6 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
Fri. 25	10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Low Cost Vaccination Clinic	LB Animal Care Services
Sat. 26	9-10 a.m.	4 th Sat. Regional Park Cleanup Register at 562.570.1745	El Dorado Regional Park
Mon. 28	10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Low Cost Vaccination Clinic	LB Animal Care Services
Tue. 29	2:30-5:30 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
	3-6 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
Wed. 30	2:30-5:30 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
	3-6 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
Th. 31	4-7 p.m.	Neighborhood Halloween Festival	Silverado Park

NOVEMBER 2024 CALENDAR

Fri. 1	2:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
	3-6 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
Sat. 2	10 a.m. - noon	1st Saturday Stewarts Cleanup. Register at 562.570.1745	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 4	10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Low Cost Vaccination Clinic. Call 562.570.7387	Long Beach Animal Care Svcs
Tue. 5		Election Day Holiday	
Wed. 6	2:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites.
	3 - 6 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
Th. 7	12:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
	3 - 6 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	California Native Plant Sale	El Dorado Nature Center
Fri. 8	2:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Free Afterschool program for (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
	3 - 6 p.m.	Free Afterschool program for ages 5-12 Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
Sat. 9	4 - 6 p.m.	Free Instant Band Music Improvisations	Homeland Cultural Center
Sun. 10	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	California Native Plant Sale	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 11	10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Low Cost Vaccination Clinic. Call 562.570.7387	Long Beach Animal Care Svcs.
Tue. 12	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	California Native Plant Sale	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 13	2:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Free Afterschool programs (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
	3 - 6 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
Th. 14	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	California Native Plant Sale	El Dorado Nature Center
	1 p.m.	Davenport Park Expansion Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Davenport Park
Fri. 15	2:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
	3 - 6 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
Sat. 16	10 a.m. - noon	3 rd Sat. Wetland Warrior Cleanup. Register at 562.570-1745	Jack Dunster Reserve
Sun. 17	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	California Native Plant Sale	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 18	10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Low Cost Vaccination Clinic. Call 562.570.7387	Long Beach Animal Care Svcs
Tue. 19	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	California Native Plant Sale	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 20	2:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
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Sun. 24	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	California Native Plant Sale	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 25	10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Low Cost Vaccination Clinic. Call 562.570-7387	Long Beach Animal Care Svcs
Tue. 26	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	California Native Plant Sale	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 27	2:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites.
	3 - 6 p.m.	Free Afterschool program (ages 5-12) Register on site.	Visit LBParks.org for sites
Th. 28		Thanksgiving Holiday	
Fri. 29		Thanksgiving Holiday	
Sat. 30	2 - 4 p.m.	Free West African Dance Class	Homeland Cultural Center

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