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SCHERER PARK RENOVATION COMMUNITY CENTER REOPENS



MAYOR REX RICHARDSON AND EIGHTH DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBER AL AUSTIN II CELEBRATE THE NEWLY RENOVATED COMMUNITY CENTER AT SCHERER PARK

Community members celebrated the reopening of the Scherer Park Community Center on August 14.

The event included remarks by Mayor Rex Richardson, Eighth District Councilmember Al Austin II and the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine and Public Works, as well as a ceremonial ribbon cutting and public access to the renovated community center.

The Scherer Park Community Center Project included new energy efficient windows, doors, electrical, lighting, roof and HVAC improvements. The center also received

new paint, graphics and signage. The park restrooms received new stall partitions, interior and exterior lighting for enhanced safety, new louvers for improved air circulation, and a new drinking fountain. The renovations to both the center, park restrooms and parking lot included improved ADA accessibility.

The \$2,157,027 project was supported by Long Beach Measure A and California Assembly Bill 32. The funding was approved by the Long Beach City Council in 2022 and 2023.

More information is available on the project www.long-beach.gov/pw/projects/scherer-park-community-center.

Director's Corner

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



I could not be prouder of the amazing efforts and genuine, quality service commitment throughout the summer as exhibited by our Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services team!

The ten-week summer array of programs, camps, and special events were embraced by community members of all ages and abilities. Our maintenance team members did an excellent job across all of our parks and beaches to provide clean, safe and welcoming spaces for our residents and visitors of Long Beach.

The Employee Recognition Committee recognized Janiece McMullin as the July Employee of the Month. Serving as Financial Services Officer in the Business Operations Bureau, Janiece was honored for her awesome budgeting and accounting support in all corners of the Department. Her impact on the overall financial accountability, stewardship of special sources of funding, and oversight of critical revenues has been stellar. Janiece has proven to be a dedicated, quality-minded team member throughout her career. Congratulations, Janiece, on your well-deserved honor!

Long Beach Gives returns this month for its sixth year. As the citywide, online fundraising campaign to raise awareness and inspire community giving for Long Beach non-profits, Long Beach Gives hopes to inspire individuals and businesses in our community to come together to make a difference in the work of local non-profits. Over 240 organizations participate in Long Beach Gives, including many that directly support and impact our Department's programs and collaborative efforts, such as Partners of Parks, the Arts Council for Long Beach, Conservation Corps of Long Beach, Campfire, Boys & Girls Clubs, the YMCA, and the Gray Panthers, just to name a few. On September 19, many City assets will be lit with red and yellow lights to commemorate the day. If you can, I encourage you to support some incredible organizations that provide important services to our community. You can learn more about these non-profit organizations at www.longbeachgives.org.



Parks Make Long Beach....Parks Make Life Better!



EL DORADO NATURE CENTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Make a difference in the lives of plants, animals and people, by participating in our volunteer opportunities

at El Dorado Nature Center.

1ST SATURDAY STEWARDS Help maintain the beauty of the Nature Center by cleaning the stream, pulling weeds, clearing the trails or spreading mulch. Wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Saturdays, October 5 and November 2, 10 a.m. – noon.

3RD SATURDAY WETLAND WARRIOR CLEANUP AT JACK DUNSTER MARINE BIOLOGICAL RESERVE



Only 5% of California's once vast coastal wetlands remain today. Help protect the critical habitat at Jack Dunster Marine Biological Reserve. Two hours of time

can save wildlife. Wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Saturdays, October 19, November 16, 10 a.m. – noon. Meet in the parking lot in front of the rowing center. 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. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water, and wear a hat and sunscreen. All ages welcome. Children and youth under 18 must bring an adult. Rain cancels. Saturdays, September 28, October 26, November 23, 9-10 a.m. Meet at the parking lot on the left just past El Dorado Frontier in Area III.

ADOPT-A-BEACH Get directly involved in protecting our coastline! Any individual, family, civic or non-profit organization, business, etc. is eligible to join the Adopt-A-Beach program. We provide everything you need! Call El Dorado Nature Center at (562) 570-1745 to make arrangements or for more information.

ENGAGING YOUTH IN THE POWER OF SPORTS DODGER DREAMTEAM PROGRAM

The Dodger Dreamteam (DDT) program is a sports-based youth development program that uses the power of sport

to provide critical resources and services. DDT registration sold out this year with 1,378 participants. A total of 20 volunteer coaches and over 50 staff coached 112 teams. The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF) awarded a grant in the amount of \$96,240 to offset field maintenance and umpire fees

in the amount of \$30,240. The remaining \$66,000 was allocated to fund 2 Dodgers Dreamteam Coordinators. The LADF also provided in-kind contributions of uniforms and equipment for each of the participants in the program.



Highlights of the program included coaches training events at Pan American Park and Bancroft Middle School in April where the LADF revealed the "Coaches Playbook – Living Jackie's Nine". The playbook was revealed by Los Angeles Dodgers Manager Dave Roberts who shared his experiences as a coach and reminded the volunteers and staff in attendance how they can make a positive impact

on the community and the lives of the youth in our programs.

Participants of middle and high school ages attended a College & Career Accelerator College Workshop at Dodger Stadium (July 1st) where attendees received free Dodger Dogs, a Dodger Hat and tickets to a 2024 Dodger Game.

On July 6 the Dodgers Training Academy visited Pan American Park to offer a free skills clinic to all participants where they learned from collegiate and former professional players. All players received Dodger Tickets to a 2024 Dodger Game.

All participants were invited to PlayerFest on July 27 where they attended a day of fun at Dodger Stadium which focused on providing activities for youth to raise awareness in education, health care, homelessness and social justice. Attendees and their families received free Dodger Dogs, tickets to a 2024 Dodger Game, a reusable LADF water bottle and were entered into raffle opportunities.

Ages 5-8 participated in coed tee ball and coach pitch, ages 9-15 in baseball and 9-18 in softball. We will have played 384 games at the conclusion of the season!



YOUTH AGES 5-12

FREE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESUMES

Parks, Recreation and Marine is once again offering programs to engage youth during after school hours.

After-School Programs for children ages 5 to 12 are taking place now at varying times per location, weekdays through December 20.

This is a free drop-in program where registered participants may come and go as they please. Youth will receive homework assistance and enjoy enrichment activities and games. Pre-registration is required. To register, participants can visit the park of their choice. After-school programs will take place at the following Long Beach parks:

- Bixby Park, 3-6 p.m., 130 Cherry Ave., 562.570.1601
- Cesar E. Chavez Park, 3-6 p.m., 401 Golden Ave., 562.570.8890
- College Estates Park, 2:30-5:30 p.m., 808 Stevely Ave., 562.570-1617
- Coolidge Park, 3-6 p.m., 352 E. Neece St., 562.570.1618
- Drake Park, 3-6 p.m., 951 Maine Ave., 562.570.1625
- El Dorado Park West, 3-6 p.m., 2800 N. Studebaker Road, 562.570.3225
- Houghton Park, 3-6 p.m., 6301 Myrtle Ave., 562.570.1640
- MacArthur Park, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., 321 E. Anaheim St., 562.570.1655
- Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 3-6 p.m., 1950 Lemon Ave., 562.570.4405
- McBride Park, 3-6 p.m., 1550 M.L. King Jr. Blvd., 562.570.1605



- Seaside Park, 3-6 p.m. , 14th Street at Chestnut Ave., 562.570.1625
- Silverado Park, 3-6 p.m, 1545 W. 31st St., 562.570.1675
- Scherer Park, 3-6 p.m., 4600 Long Beach Blvd., 562.570.1674
- Somerset Park, 3-6 p.m. ,1500 E. Carson St., 562.570.1690
- Stearns Champions Park, 3-6 p.m., 4520 E. 23rd St., 562.570.1686
- Veterans Park, 2:30-5:30 p.m., 101 E. 28th St., 562.570.1695
- Wardlow Park, 3-6 p.m., 3457 Stanbridge Ave., 562.570.1705
- Whaley Park, 2:30-5:30 p.m., 5620 E. Atherton St., 562.570.1710

For additional information about After School programs and other activities for youth, visit LBParks.org, or call 562.570.3150.



- Orizaba Park, 3-6 p.m., 1435 Orizaba Ave., 562.570.1427
- Pan American Park, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. , 5157 E. Centralia St., 562.570.3297
- Ramona Park, 3-6 p.m., 3301 E. 65th St., 562.570.1665

El Dorado Nature Center

MORNING BIRD WALK

Join volunteers and staff
for a morning walk
through the nature center.



SUNDAYS, 8-10 A.M.
SEPTEMBER 15, OCTOBER 20, AND NOVEMBER 18
Free program. Parking \$8.
Pre-registration required: 562.570-1745
7550 E. Spring St.

PRM INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT

JUJITSU & KARATE TEACHER RUSSELL KELLEY



Russell Kelley teaches Youth Jujitsu, Adult Jujitsu and Adult Karate

at Stearns Champions Park. Kelley, a long time instructor with Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine, has over 38 years of teaching experience to share with his students. Kelley holds a Yondan (4th degree) black belt in Danzan Ryu Jujitsu and

Yondan (4th degree) black belt in Shorin Ryu Karate.

Kelley's first martial arts class at Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) started at the age of 14 when he signed up for jujitsu and karate. He began teaching and training in 1986 with Lakewood Budo Kai with a break during his military service in the U.S. Marine Corps. He returned to the area to resume his training and in 2011 received Shodan (first degree black belt).

Russell owns Lakewood Budo Kai and has been an instructor with Parks, Recreation & Marine for six years. PRM classes allow Kelley to offer classes to a broad range of students in the area with fees lower than a traditional dojo, making it an affordable option for families with more than one child interested in martial arts or those with a modest income. This allows those who may not have the financial resources to join a dojo to develop their skills in the martial arts.

"Students learn they can do more than what they think they can achieve and gain a positive attitude to improve themselves with marital arts. It allows students to progress and see what they can do and gives them the starting point to launch their lives. Students learn self-defense, respect, and discipline in jujitsu, how to defend themselves and others which promotes self esteem, confidence and the drive needed to be successful in today's world."



Students describe the class as a great workout for stability, balance and overall good health and enjoy the sense of camaraderie the class instills in them. Many students have made lifelong friendships through the class. Classes are offered on a monthly basis for beginner to advanced students. New students start the first Monday or Wednesday of each month. Kelley offers jujitsu for youth ages 6-12, Japanese jujitsu for adults and Karate for adults age 13 years old and up. Register for classes at LBParks.org.

MACARTHUR PARK'S HOMELAND CULTURAL CENTER DANCEFEST SHOWCASES CULTURAL ARTS

On August 9, Parks, Recreation and Marine's Homeland Cultural Center presented DanceFest, a showcase of



cultural class offerings at Homeland Cultural Center all on one stage. In the comfort of the Cesar E. Chavez Park Amphitheater, audiences enjoyed Popping & Locking & Breakdance, Drumming, Poetry, Aztec Dance, Khmer Martial Arts & Dance, West Afrikan Dance, Hmong Arts and Micronesian Arts.

Homeland Cultural Center is located at MacArthur Park (1321 E. Anaheim St.) a place for people to explore and pass on traditional and contemporary cultural traditions. Open to all ages, people, and groups. Free programs are offered year-round in urban and traditional arts. Homeland is also

the site for poetry readings, theatre presentations, performances of dance and music, and cultural celebrations.

Visit LBParks.org for more information.



New Senior Center Community Pop-Up Events:

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| El Dorado Senior Center | 9/16/24, 12 pm | 2800 N. Studebaker Rd. |
| Silverado Park | 9/17/24, 11:30 am | 1545 W. 31st St. |
| Long Beach Senior Center | 9/18/24, 1 pm | 1150 E. 4th St. |
| Houghton Park | 9/19/24, 11:15 am | 6301 Myrtle Ave. |
| McBride Park | 9/20/24, 10:30 am | 1500 MLK Jr. Ave. |

Learn about:

Upcoming plans to relocate the Long Beach Senior Center to 125 Elm & provide feedback.

Take the survey
by 9/30/24:



bit.ly/seniorcenterenglish



Request for interpretation services must be submitted by September 5 to:
Nancy.Villasenor@longbeach.gov, (562) 570-4634.

For more information about this project, please visit longbeach.gov/seniorcenterat125elm or
email dmacmahon@hwlochner.com.

CONGRATULATIONS JULY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH JANEICE MCMULLIN



Congratulations to PRM Financial Services Officer Janiece McMullin on being named the Employee of the Month for July.

Janiece leads a team to support Department Bureaus with accounting and budgeting, and guides staff in purchasing processes. She is currently in the middle of year-end budget closing and looking ahead to the new 2025 fiscal year. Janiece is helpful and positive to all staff she come into contact with.

Congratulations, Janiece, on your well-deserved honor!

WHALEY PARK COACH JACKIE HERRERA NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR BY DODGERS DREAMTEAM

Congratulations to Coach Jackie Herrera from Whaley Park who was one of five selected as Coach of the Year from the Dodgers Dreamteam Foundation.

Jackie was recognized for her team dedication, mentorship and coaching abilities at the Dodger's game on September 8. The Dodgers featured it on their Instagram page: <http://bit.ly/3Zq8mGm>

A grateful parent said, "Her kindness and encouragement have not only fostered love for baseball but have also significantly contributed to their personal growth. Coach Jackie's positive influence extends beyond the field, instilling values of teamwork, discipline, and respect in every player she mentors."



ABOVE, FARLEFT: JACKIE HERRERA RECEIVES RECOGNITION ON THE FIELD AT DODGER STADIUM ALONGSIDE DODGER'S MANAGER DAVE ROBERTS.

PRM GUMBINER PARK MAINTENANCE UPGRADES

UPGRADES TAKING PLACE WHILE PARK IS CLOSED



ALL DRINKING FOUNTAINS ARE BEING FIXED

PAINTING PARK SIGN AND DRINKING FOUNTAINS

FABRICATING LIGHT POLE COVERS

INSTALLING NEW FABRICATED SKATE STOPPERS NEAR PARK SIGN

SEPTEMBER 2024 CALENDAR

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| Th. 12 | 3 - 6 p.m. 6 - 7 p.m. | Free Teen Center Program Community Meeting for new Senior Center | Visit LBParks.org for locations. Long Beach Senior Center (1150 E. 4 th St.) |
| Fri. 13 | 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic Free Older Adult Programs (age 50+) | Long Beach Animal Care Services Visit LBParks.org for locations |
| Sat. 14 | 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Ranchos Walk 9, 6 or 3 mile routes | Visit www.RanchoLosAlamitos.org |
| Mon. 16 | 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs |
| Tue. 17 | 8 a.m. | Register for Tue./Th. swim lessons from 10/1-10/24 | Belmont Plaza Pool |
| Wed. 18 | Times Vary | Free After School Program for ages 5-12, M-F | Visit LBParks.org for locations |
| Th. 19 | 3 - 6 p.m. | Free Teen Center Programs | Visit LBParks.org for locations |
| Fri. 20 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Free Older Adult Programs (age 50+) | Visit LBParks.org for locations |
| Sat. 21 | 8 a.m. 10 a.m. - noon | Register for Sat. swim lessons from 10/19-12/7 California Coastal Cleanup Day | Belmont Plaza Pool Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier |
| Mon. 23 | 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic. Call 562.570.7387 | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs |
| Tue. 24 | Times Vary | Free After School Program for ages 5-12, M-F | Visit LBParks.org for locations |
| Wed. 25 | 3 - 6 p.m. | Free Teen Center Programs | Visit LBParks.org for locations |
| Th. 26 | 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Free After School Program for ages 5-12 | Register on site. Visit LBParks.org for sites |
| Fri. 27 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Free Older Adult Programs (age 50+) | Visit LBParks.org for locations |
| Sat. 28 | 9 - 10 a.m. | 4 th Saturday Regional Park Cleanup, register at 562.570.1745 | El Dorado Regional Park |
| Mon. 30 | 8 a.m. 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Times Vary | Register for Mon./Wed. swim lessons from 10/28-11/30 Low Cost Vaccination Clinic. Call 562.570-7387 Youth Flag Football & Volleyball League games begin | Silverado Park Pool Long Beach Animal Care Svcs Call 562.570.1707 |

OCTOBER 2024 CALENDAR

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| Tue. 1 | 8 a.m. | Register for Tue./Th. swim lessons from 10/29 - 11/21 | King Park Pool |
| Wed. 2 | 2:30-5:30 p.m. 3-6 p.m. | Free After School Program for ages 5-12 Free After School Program for ages 5-12 | Register on site. Visit LBParks.org for sites Register on site. Visit LBParks.org for sites |
| Th. 3 | 2:30-5:30 p.m. 3-6 p.m. | Free After School Program for ages 5-12 Free After School Program for ages 5-12 | Register on site. Visit LBParks.org for sites Register on site. Visit LBParks.org for sites |
| Fri. 4 | 2:30-5:30 p.m. 3-6 p.m. | Free After School Program for ages 5-12 Free After School Program for ages 5-12 | Register on site. Visit LBParks.org for sites Register on site. Visit LBParks.org for sites |
| Sat. 5 | 8 a.m. 10 a.m. - noon | Register for Sat. swim lessons from 10/19-12/7 1 st Saturday Stewarts Cleanup Register at 562.570.1745 | King & Silverado Park Pools El Dorado Nature Center |
| Mon. 7 | 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic | Long Beach Animal Care Services |
| Tue. 8 | 2:30-5:30 p.m. 3-6 p.m. | Free After School Program for ages 5-12 Free After School Program for ages 5-12 | Register on site. Visit LBParks.org for sites Register on site. Visit LBParks.org for sites |
| Fri. 11 | 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic | Long Beach Animal Care Services |
| Mon. 14 | 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic | Long Beach Animal Care Services |
| 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. 2 - 6 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic How-O-Ween Festival free parking / suggested \$5 donation | Long Beach Animal Care Services El Dorado Nature Center |
| Fri. 25 | 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic | Long Beach Animal Care Services |
| Sat. 26 | 9 - 10 a.m. | 4th Saturday 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 | Long Beach Animal Care Services |
| Th. 31 | | Halloween | |

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