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& MARINE**

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## LONG BEACH ANIMAL CARE SERVICES (LBACS) & LITTLE LION FOUNDATION **FREE CAT SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES**



LEFT: COUNCILWOMAN MEGAN KERR, MAYOR RICHARDSON AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS CUT THE RIBBON TO OPEN THE LONG BEACH COMMUNITY CAT PROJECT

### **An enthusiastic crowd attended the March Grand Opening of the Long Beach Community Cat Project at the**

Little Lion Foundation headquarters (1179 E. Wardlow Rd.) on March 29.

Attendees heard remarks from local leaders and City partners, went on clinic and facility tours, and learned more about the program's mission and future goals.

The Project's goal is to reduce the overpopulation of free-roaming community cats by providing free steriliza-

tion surgeries and animal care resources to community cats. Partners of Parks, Found Animals and Friends of Long Beach Animals also support the project.

LBACS is providing \$100 payment vouchers towards spay/neuter surgery costs. Community cats will receive a spay or neuter surgery, vaccines, flea medication, and an ear tip, which is a visual marker of a community cat, all free of charge.

Those interested may submit an application at The Little Lion Foundation, [www.littlelionfoundation.org](http://www.littlelionfoundation.org) or call LBACS at 562.570.7387 for more information.

# Director's Corner

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



**April showers bring May flowers, and hopefully Mother Nature will do her part to help keep our parks' landscapes green and healthy with natural rainfall. The recent strong winds that** often kick up and impact our parks' portion of Long Beach's urban forest, fortunately did not cause any tree failure or damage. Our department is thankful for the budget support of tree trimming to help make these wonderful, wooded wonders more resilient to windy conditions. A blooming botanical highlight in many of our parks are the Western Redbud trees with their "Barbie Pink" flowers that certainly pop with a color splash that enlivens the landscapes. April celebrations of Earth Day and Arbor Day remind our parks maintenance team of their important stewardship responsibilities of the natural elements that make our parks so beautiful, inviting, and educational.

April is one of our Long Beach Animal Care Services busier months of kitten season, when we seem to find our professional staff and invaluable volunteers needing to embrace the role of bottle feeders to scores of kittens that come into our care. To broaden the awareness of fostering and adoptions of the hundreds of furry friends that come into our care, our mobile, citywide presence of the Adoption Waggin', brings

resources and in-person opportunities to provide a forever home to a dog or cat.

**Parks  
Make  
Life  
Better!**

Our Long Beach Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services team finds the month of April as a bevy of opportunities to welcome the community into great programs, special events, and unique experiences across our 166 parks and over six miles of beautiful beaches with springs in your steps. Here's to an Awesome April made for you! Parks Make Life Better and Parks Make Long Beach!

## BE GOOD, DO GOOD- EL DORADO NATURE CENTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Make a difference in the lives of plants, animals and people and join others in clean up efforts that protect our natural world.**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY STEWARDS** Help us 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, May 3, June 6, 10 a.m.-noon.

**3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY WETLAND WARRIOR CLEANUP AT COLORADO LAGOON** Help protect the critical habitat at Colorado Lagoon Marine Biological Reserve. Two hours of time can save wildlife. Wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Meet near the bike racks along Appian Way. Parking fee waived. Saturdays May 17, June 21, 10 a.m. - noon

**4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY EL DORADO REGIONAL PARK CLEANUP-** Join fellow park-lovers to clean up fishing line and other debris from our beautiful park and lakes.

Youth under 18 must bring an adult. Meet at the parking lot on the left just past El Dorado Frontier in Area III. Saturdays, May 24, June 28, 9 -10 a.m.

**ADOPT-A-BEACH** Individuals, families, civic or non-profit organizations, and businesses, can join the Adopt-A-Beach program and protect our coastline. We provide everything you need! Call El Dorado Nature Center at 562.570.1745 to make arrangements or for more information.

**2025 CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY** You can take an active role in keeping our coastline clean and healthy. Cleanups will take place at beaches throughout the city. For more information and group registration, call 562.570.4876. Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m. - noon



# PROTECT YOUR PLANET EARTH DAY COASTAL CLEANUP EVENT

**It's important to keep our local marine environment clean and healthy. Help protect our coastline and join Parks, Recreation and Marine for a cleanup on Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. – Noon. You can reduce your footprint by bringing your own bucket or bag. Meet on the sand, east of the Belmont Pier. Rain cancels.**

Call 562.570.1745 for more information.



PARTICIPATE IN EARTH DAY COASTAL CLEANUP EVENT. OUR POWER, OUR PLANET: AN ESTIMATED 9.7 BILLION CIGARETTE BUTTS ARE LITTERED IN THE U.S. EVERY YEAR, 4 BILLION OF THESE IN WATERWAYS COMPRISING NEARLY 20% OF ALL LITTER.

## EL DORADO EAST REGIONAL PARK VISITOR TIPS FOR EASTER SUNDAY



**With 388-acres of open space, picnicking areas, playgrounds, bicycle trails and many other amenities, El Dorado**

East Regional Park (7550 S. Spring St.) is a popular place to enjoy Easter Sunday with family and friends. In fact, Easter Sunday is the busiest day of the year at El Dorado East Regional Park, therefore the City of Long Beach is sharing the following park rules and tips for Easter Sunday, taking place on April 20, to help visitors make the most of their day:

The holiday parking rate is \$9 per car; credit/debit/cashless payments accepted (no refunds). Cash payments must be made at the park office located next to the Archery Range in Area 2. Tickets must be displayed while in the park.

Parking on the grass is prohibited, unless in designated areas; vehicles parked in unauthorized grassy areas will be cited or towed.

Park entrance will be on both the south and north side of Spring Street. Left-hand turn lanes will be closed.

There is a new entrance for annual pass holders and credit/ cashless payments only. Gate 4 located off north side of Wardlow Street, 7575 E. Wardlow Road. Open 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Extra parking and picnic space will be available in Area 3, north of Wardlow Road. Please follow the signs to the overflow lot. Parking may not be near your picnic location.

Please do not block traffic flow. Drops-offs or unloading are not permitted on Spring Street or Wardlow Road.

Visitors should plan to arrive early. Park officials may close the gates to vehicles once the lots are at capacity; vehicles exiting the park may not be granted re-entry if the park closes due to capacity.

Barbecue grills, picnic areas and other amenities are available on a first-come, first served basis.

The El Dorado Frontier Theme Park and El Dorado Nature Center will be closed on Sunday, April 20. Long Beach Animal Care Services will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with pet adoption hours available from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, please visit the park's webpage at [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org), call 562.570.1745 or check the El Dorado Nature Center and Regional Park Facebook page.



# CELEBRATE IN MAY OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH



## Older Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) will celebrate Older American's Month, recognized nationally

each May, by offering a wide variety of free activities throughout the city for adults ages 50 and above.

Adults ages 50+ can enjoy art activities, pickleball, a carnival, movies, an Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI) celebration, a dinner and dance, Senior Safety Summit, and a talent show.

Pre-Registration is required for these activities:

Senior Safety Summit on May 7 at Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Avenue. Spaces are limited. Please call 562.570.3500 for information.

Craft Expo on May 8 at Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Avenue. Spaces are limited. Please call 562.570.1640 for information.

Pickleball Tournament on May 17 at DeForest Park, 6255 DeForest Avenue. Event is open to the public to watch, Please call 562.570.3500 for information.

Sunset Rodeo Dance and Dinner on May 21. Spaces are limited, Please call 562.570-1618. for information.

Older Americans Got Talent Show on May 29 at El Dorado Park, 2800 Studebaker Road. Sign up is required for an audition slot prior to the event. The Talent Show will be open to the public. Please call 562.570.3225 for information.

Pre-register at any City of Long Beach Senior Center. A complete list of sites is available at: [longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/senior-citizen-program/](http://longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/senior-citizen-program/).

All other events do not require registration and are open for all to attend including the El Dorado Nature Center Adventure on May 1, Picnic at El Dorado Regional Park on May 3, Older American Proclamation at Long Beach City Council on May 13, Celebration of AAPI Heritage Month on May 14, Movie Night "Grease" on May 16, and Hobby Show on May 31.



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**Youth Sports**

## Dodgers Dream Team Season

Located at select parks throughout the city.

T-Ball (Ages 5-6), Coach Pitch (Ages 7-8),  
Minors Baseball (Ages 9-10), Majors Baseball (Ages 11-12),  
Junior Baseball (Ages 13-15), Minors Softball (Ages 9-10),  
Majors Softball (Ages 11-12), Senior Softball (Ages 13-18)

**Registration Dates: May 1-31 | Cost: \$15 per player for uniform**

Bixby Park-562.570.1601 (Ages 5-8)  
Chavez Park-562.570.8890 (Ages 5-18)  
Cherry Park-562.570.1615 (Ages 5-12)  
College Estates Park-562.570.1710 (Ages 5-8)  
Coolidge Park-562.570.1618 (Ages 5-8)  
Drake Park-562.570.1625 (Ages 5-8)  
El Dorado Park-562.570.3225 (Ages 5-18)  
Heartwell Park-562.570.1635 (Ages 5-18)  
Houghton Park-562.570.1640 (Ages 5-18)  
King Park-562.570.4405 (Ages 5-12)  
Lincoln Park-562.570.3551 (Ages 5-8)  
McBride Park-562.570.1605 (Ages 5-8)  
Orizaba Park-562.570.1427 (Ages 5-8)

Pan American Park-562.570.1660  
(Ages 5-18, no Jr baseball)  
Ramona Park-562.570.1665 (Ages 5-8)  
Seaside Park-562.570.1625 (Ages 5-8)  
Scherer Park-562.570.1674 (Ages 5-8)  
Silverado Park-562.570.1675 (Ages 5-18)  
Somerset Park-562.570.1690 (Ages 5-8)  
Stearns Champions Park-562.570.1685  
(Ages 5-8 & 9-12 *softball only*)  
Veterans Park-562.570.1695 (Ages 5-8)  
Wardlow Park-562.570.1705 (Ages 5-8)  
Whaley Park-562.570.1710  
(Ages 5-8 & 9-15, *baseball only*)



SCAN FOR MORE  
INFO



For more details, call the Youth Sports Office at 562.570.1707.



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## ARISE PROGRAM

ADAPTIVE RECREATION IN A SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT

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### YOUTH AND ADULT RECREATION PROGRAMS

#### THE ARISE ADAPTIVE PROGRAM

offers recreational activities for middle and high school youth, as well as adults with disabilities. The program is designed to enhance physical fitness, foster confidence, and develop essential social and life skills.

Youth Program (Grades 6-12):  
Saturdays; 9:30a.m.-1:30p.m. Fee:  
\$4 per session.

Youth program payments are due by  
3 p.m. on Friday to attend Saturday's  
session.

Adult Program: Weekdays; 2-5p.m.  
(excluding holidays) Fee: \$15 per  
weekly session.

Adult program payments are due by  
the Monday prior to the start of the  
program.

Please call 562.570.1686 between  
1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday to  
complete the intake process.

For more information or to register and  
pay visit: [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org).

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# OPEN TO THE PUBLIC JUNIPERO BEACH SPORTS COURTS



## **A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Junipero Beach Sports Courts at 2630 E. Ocean Blvd., was held on March 15.**

Mayor Richardson, Second District Councilwoman Cindy Allen and other City leaders made remarks and welcomed the public to use new facility.

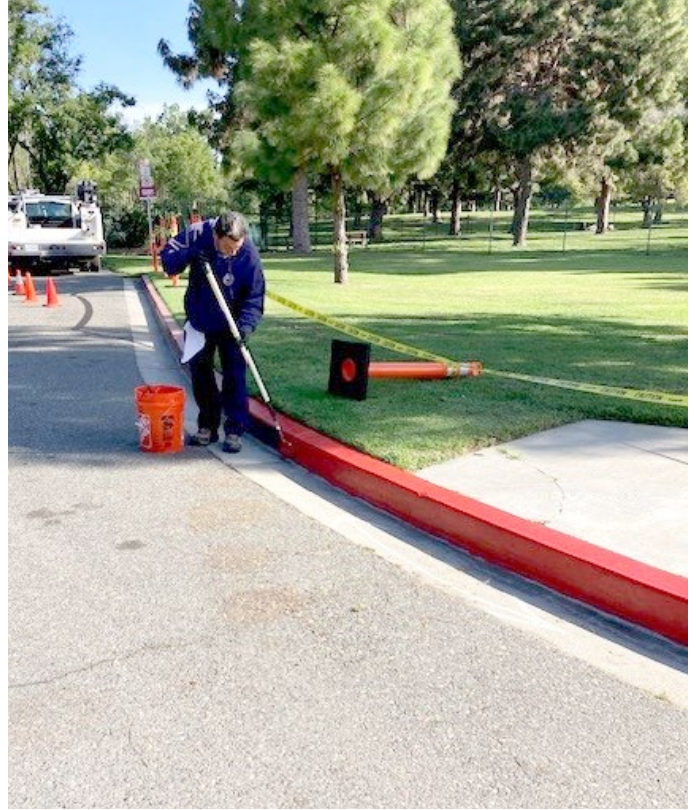
The new development includes a dedicated roller-skating area, a full basketball court and integrated seating, complementing the existing half and full basketball courts.

Elevate '28 is a comprehensive five-year infrastructure initiative to revitalize parks and community facilities while enhancing accessibility and multimodal transportation throughout Long Beach.

More information about the Junipero Sports Court Project is available at [longbeach.gov/juniperosportsproject](https://longbeach.gov/juniperosportsproject).



# MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS TEAM SPRUCES UP EL DORADO REGIONAL PARK



**With the large crowds expected at El Dorado Regional Park on Easter Sunday,** the Maintenance Operations team has been sprucing up the area to greet patrons. The repainted curbs, an effort staff calls “bright work” is an example of how areas are given a fresh, clean appearance.

## LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE OLDER ADULT PROGRAMS 50+



[LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org)

### OLDER ADULTS 50+ PROGRAMS OFFERED:

Fitness Classes • Lunch Programs • Arts & Crafts • Karaoke  
Card & Board Games • Presentations • Resources and  
Referral Programs. Many programs are free.

**CALIFORNIA RECREATION CENTER AT MCBRIDE PARK**  
M-F: 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

**EL DORADO PARK WEST, M-F: 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.**

**EXPO CENTER, T-TH: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**HOUGHTON PARK, M-F: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**LONG BEACH SENIOR CENTER,**  
M-F: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. SAT: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**SILVERADO PARK, M-F: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE VISIT:**

**TEAMSIDELINE.COM/LONGBEACH**



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## Blooming Buddies

April 11 - May 4, 2025

7700 E Spring St, Long Beach, CA

**\$20**  
adoption  
fee

\*long-stay dogs (30+ days)



## APRIL CALENDAR

|    |      |                     |  |                             |
|----|------|---------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 17 | Th.  | Noon – 5 p.m.       | Free Spring Fun Days Recreation program (ages 5-14)      | Visit LBParks.org for sites |
| 18 | Fri. | Noon – 5 p.m.       | Free Spring Fun Days Recreation program (ages 5-14)      | Visit LBParks.org for sites |
| 19 | Sat. | 10 a.m.             | Earth Day Coastal Cleanup                                | Meet at Belmont Pier        |
|    |      | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.    | Pet Supplies Plus Pet Adoption Event                     | 2806 N. Bellflower Blvd.    |
| 20 | Sun. |                     | Easter Sunday  |                             |
| 21 | Mon. | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic                              | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs |
| 22 | Tue. | 8 a.m.              | Register for Tue/Th Swim classes held 4/16-6/14          | Belmont Plaza Pool          |
| 23 | Wed. | 3-7 p.m.            | Free Teen Centers Recreation activities                  | Visit LBParks.org for sites |
| 24 | Th.  | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.     | Free Recreation / Wellness programs for older adults     | Visit LBParks.org for sites |
| 25 | Fri. | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic                              | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs |
| 26 | Sat. | 9 a.m.              | 4 <sup>TH</sup> Saturday El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup | El Dorado Regional Area III |
|    |      | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.    | District 7 Adoption and Vaccine Clinic                   | Admiral Kidd Park           |
| 27 | Sun. | 3-7 p.m.            | Free Teen Centers Recreation activities                  | Visit LBParks.org for sites |
| 28 | Mon. | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic                              | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs |
| 29 | Tue. | 3-7 p.m.            | Free Teen Centers Recreation activities                  | Visit LBParks.org for sites |
| 30 | Wed. | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.     | Free Recreation / Wellness programs for older adults     | Visit LBParks.org for sites |

## MAY CALENDAR

|    |      |                     |  |                                       |
|----|------|---------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1  | Th.  | 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  | Older American's Month Nature Center Adventure*          | El Dorado Nature Center               |
| 2  | Fri. | 3-7 p.m.            | Free Teen Centers Recreation activities                  | Visit LBParks.org for sites           |
| 3  | Sat. | 10 a.m.             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Stewards Nature Center Cleanup  | El Dorado Nature Center               |
|    |      | 10 a.m.             | Older American's Month Picnic*                           | El Dorado Regional Park               |
| 5  | Mon. | 8 a.m.              | Register for Mon/Wed Swim classes held 5/5-5/28          | Silverado Park Pool                   |
|    |      | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic                              | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs           |
| 7  | Wed. | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.    | Older American's Month Senior Safety Summit*             | Houghton Park                         |
| 8  | Th.  | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.    | Older American's Month Craft Expo*                       | Houghton Park                         |
| 9  | Fri. | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic                              | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs           |
| 11 | Sun. |                     | Mother's Day   |                                       |
| 12 | Mon. | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic                              | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs           |
| 13 | Tue. | 4-6 p.m.            | Older American's Month Mayoral Proclamation*             | Long Beach City Hall                  |
| 14 | Wed. | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.    | Asian American Pacific islander Heritage Month, Event*   | McBride Park                          |
| 16 | Fri. | 6-10 p.m.           | Older American's Month Movie Night "Grease"*             | Chavez Park                           |
| 17 | Sat. | 8 a.m.              | Older American's Month Pickleball Tournament*            | DeForest Park                         |
|    |      | 10 a.m. – noon      | Wetland Warrior Cleanup                                  | Jack Dunster Marine Reserve           |
|    |      | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.    | Pet Supplies Plus Pet Adoption Event                     | 2806 N. Bellflower Blvd.              |
| 19 | Mon. | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic                              | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs           |
| 21 | Wed. | 4-8 p.m.            | Older American's Month Sunset Rodeo Dance*               | Expo Center                           |
| 23 | Fri. | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Older American's Month Carnival*                         | Silverado Park                        |
|    |      | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic                              | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs           |
|    |      | 6 p.m.              | Free Summer Kick Off Concert                             | Curtis Concert Park at Marine Stadium |
| 24 | Sat. | 9-10 a.m.           | 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup | El Dorado Area III                    |
|    |      | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.    | District 7 Adoption and Vaccine Clinic                   | Veterans Park                         |
| 26 | Mon. |                     | Memorial Day Holiday                                     |                                       |
| 29 | Th.  | 6-8 p.m.            | Older American's Month Talent Show*                      | El Dorado Park West                   |
| 31 | Sat. | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.    | Older American's Month Hobby Show*                       | Long Beach Senior Center              |

\*Pre-Registration is required for these activities

## FREE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR AGES 5-12

Parents must register children on site. Visit LBParks.org for locations.

**Mon-Fri, 2:30-5:30 p.m.** College Estates, MacArthur, Pan American (1:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays), Veterans and Whaley Parks.

**Mon-Fri, 3-6 p.m.** Bixby, Cesar E. Chavez, Coolidge, Drake, El Dorado West, Houghton M.L. King Jr., McBride, Orizaba, Ramona, Scherer, Seaside, Silverado, Somerset, Stearns Champions, Veterans and Wardlow Parks.

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