



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

*"Parks Make Life Better!"*

Norma E. García-González, Director

Alina Bokde, Chief Deputy Director

**Park Deputies Meeting Agenda**  
**February 23, 2026, 11am to 12:30pm**  
**To Participate In The Meeting Virtually, Please Call**  
**Teleconference Number: (323) 776-6996 Id: 181 187 04# or by**  
**Teams Meeting ID 235 533 295 677 Passcode: zcf8ya**

Item
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3. Public Comment
4. Report: Director's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Presentation</li> <li>b. Questions and Discussion</li> </ul>
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13. Adjournment

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Si necesita asistencia para interpretar esta información, llame a Johanna Hernandez al número (626) 588-5370.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Deputies regarding any matter within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Parks. Members of the public will be allowed to comment during the meeting and may also submit written comments prior to and during the meeting via email: [bl@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:bl@parks.lacounty.gov)

If you wish to provide comments on a specific agenda item, please indicate which item you would like to address. Each speaker shall have three-minutes. The Park Deputies may limit the public input on any item(s), based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Park Deputies at their discretion.



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Call To Order



Item 1



# Land Acknowledgment



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# Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants -- past, present, and emerging -- as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the

Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians  
Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council  
Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians  
Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation  
Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation  
San Fernando Band of Mission Indians  
Coastal Band of Chumash Nation  
Gabrielino/Tongva Nation  
Gabrielino Tongva Tribe

To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website at [lanaic.lacounty.gov](http://lanaic.lacounty.gov).



# Public Comment



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# Report: Director's Update



Item 4

# Community Cultural Celebrations - Black History Month

## Black History Month

- 60+ events hosted Countywide
- February 5 - February 28
- Celebrating culture, education, and community unity through programs and activities

**ROOTS OF RESILIENCE**  
Come see how our nature center trails are transformed into a timeline of history!

**SAN GABRIEL RIVER PARK**  
255 S. San Fidel Ave.  
La Puente, CA 91746

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 28, 2026  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**FREE EVENT**

- Black History Trail Walk
- Arts n' Crafts
- Animal Ambassador Presentations
- Live Entertainment & Games
- Educational Exhibitors
- Refreshments

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**A Celebration of JAZZ**

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 7, 2026 12 PM - 1:30 PM**

Join us at Whittier Narrows Nature Center to celebrate Black History Month with a live jazz performance by the ensemble band *JOY MKR*, honoring the rich musical tradition of jazz and its roots in Black American culture.

1000 N. Durfee Ave, South El Monte, CA 91733 (626) 575-5523

**FREE Admission & Parking  
All Ages Welcome**

**LET'S CELEBRATE  
BLACK HISTORY**

**February 1<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>**

- HISTORICAL FIGURES DISPLAY
- SPECIAL ACTIVITY  
(Unity Quilt Square Craft)

**February 7<sup>th</sup>  
2:00pm-4:00pm**

\*Quilt Squares will stay on display during the month of February and can be picked up the first week in March.

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, IMPACT!**  
**BLACK CREATORS IN ENTERTAINMENT**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**FREE Admission, Parking, & Refreshments**

Join us for this special presentation as award-winning filmmaker Brian Shackelford shares his personal journey in the industry, reflects on the impact of Black creatives in entertainment, and offers insight for aspiring storytellers looking to break into film and media.

With Special Guest Speaker  
**BRIAN SHACKELFORD**  
AWARD-WINNING WRITER, DIRECTOR, & PRODUCER

Brian is the founder of Tunnel Vizion Films and a graduate of Loyola Marymount University's School of Film and Television. With over 800 hours of film and television production experience and projects featured on HBO, PBS, and major networks, he has built a career spanning documentaries, animation, television, and independent film.

**WHITTIER NARROWS NATURE CENTER**  
1000 N. DURFEE AVE, SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733  
(626) 575-5523

# Community Cultural Celebrations – Lunar New Year



## Lunar New Year Celebrations

- 61 events hosted Countywide
- February 12 - February 28
- Honoring cultural traditions through community festivals, performances, and family engagement activities

# Altadena Mobile Recreation Program – Park on the Move

- Supporting Altadena Recovery with pop up play dates through Park on the Move mobile recreation in neighborhoods and at local businesses and community spaces.
- Focused on healing through play, trained staff engage community members of all ages – focusing on youth ages 6-17 – through recreation activities.
- LA 84 Play Equity Fund is sponsoring the Altadena Mobile Recreation program.



# Our SPOT Wellbeing Spaces coming Summer 2026



## 14 LA County Parks

- |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SD1   | SD2   | SD3   | SD4   | SD5   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• San Angelo</li><li>• Belvedere</li><li>• City Terrace</li><li>• E.Obregon</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FDR</li><li>• Mona</li><li>• Lennox</li><li>• ERD</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• El Cariso</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A. Mayberry</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pamela</li><li>• Jackie Robinson</li><li>• Loma Alta</li><li>• Stephen Sorenson</li></ul> |





# Regional Park and Open Space District Report

Agenda Item 5

# Competitive Grants Save the Date



## MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> 7:30AM HOA

- Largest solicitation *and* response in RPOSD history
- Significant milestone in 10-year history of Measure A
- Final evaluation currently underway
- Additional information and invites forthcoming

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Save the Date

# Measure A Grant Award Ceremony

JOIN RPOSD AND AWARDEES

CELEBRATING  
\$58 MILLION FOR PARKS  
AND OPEN SPACE ACROSS  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

TUESDAY 03 / 17 / 2026	START TIME 7:30 AM - 8:45 AM
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HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
8TH FLOOR BALCONY

# Report Back to Board of Supervisors on Technical Assistance - February 2026

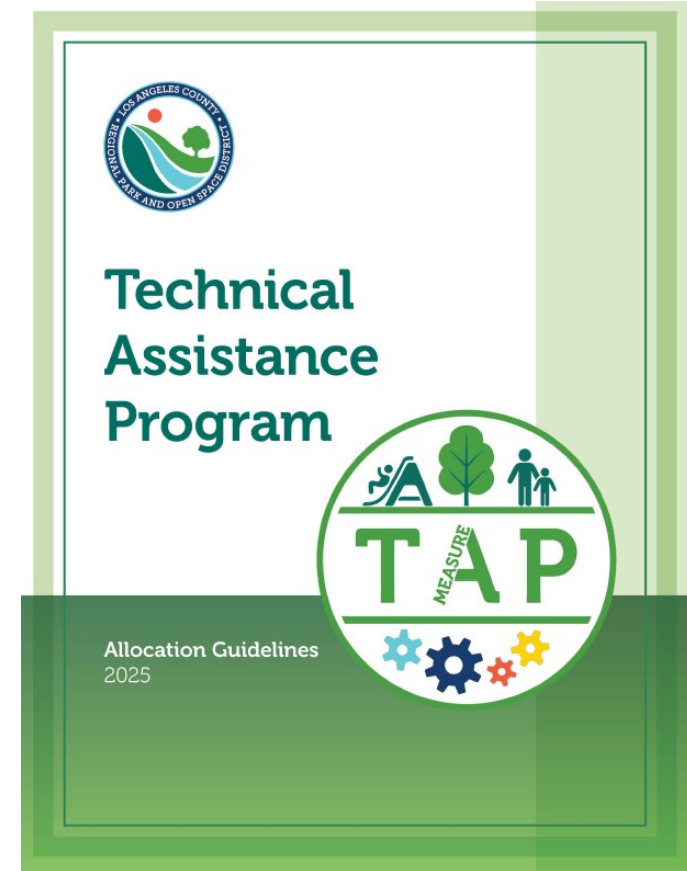
(Special District Agenda, Item 1-P, 3/5/2019) to report back on:

- Outreach and Technical Assistance Efforts (quarterly)
- Evaluation of Level of Need Scoring Criterion in competitive applications (periodically)



# Outreach and Technical Assistance Efforts

- RPOSD conducted several technical assistance and outreach workshops in anticipation of the 2025 competitive grant solicitation leading to largest and most diverse application response in history.
- \$6.4 million was allocated in July 2025 for technical assistance to 30 eligible park agencies.
- RPOSD has ongoing check-ins with each park agency to encourage utilization of funds.
- Following award of 2025 Competitive Grants in March 2026, RPOSD will conduct a review of scoring criteria in the 2025 applications and report back with any findings to at a future meeting.



# Restore Update

*Recovery and Emergency Support for Trails, open space, and recreation grants*



# City of Pasadena

Ballard Bridge

Direct Allocation: \$200,000

To restore the Chuck Ballard Bridge by replacing fire-damaged guardrails and performing preservation work on the bridge piers, including minor structural repairs and protective treatments.

**Before**



**After**



# Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

## Rubio Canyon Trail Repair Project

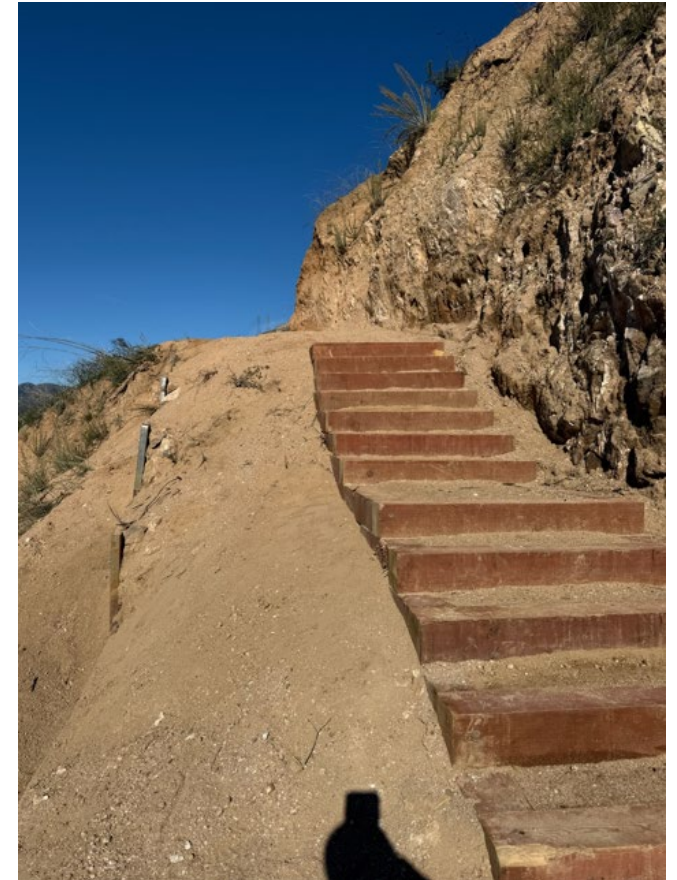
Non-Profit Landowner: \$40,000

To restore a steep, fire- and storm-damaged section of trail within the Rubio Canyon Open Space Preserve. The work includes construction of 100 feet of Sutter Retaining Wall and trail reconstruction to stabilize the slope and reestablish safe public access. This project will protect sensitive habitat, reduce erosion, and ensure long-term use of the trail by the public.

**Before**



**After**



# Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation

Landscape Recovery Center-ECNA

Direct Allocation: \$1,000,000

Development of a Landscape Recovery Center at Eaton Canyon Natural Area to support ecological restoration in areas impacted by the Eaton and Hughes Fires. Improvements include site preparation, utilities, office and restrooms, picnic area, planting, and related amenities. The Center will propagate and stage vegetation for replanting at Charles White Park, Farnsworth Park, Altadena Golf Course, Eaton Canyon, Castaic Lake Recreation Area, and other public parks within the fire-affected perimeter.

**Before**



**After**



# Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks

## George Wolfberg Park Restoration

Direct Allocation: \$650,000

Will restore portions of the park damaged by the Palisades Fire including replacing fencing, damaged landscaping, planting and irrigation.

**Before**



**After**



# Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks

Wattles Garden Park Restoration

Partnership Allocation: \$350,000

To reconstruct wooden gates, decorative arch gateway, restoring fire-impacted planting, landscaping and irrigation.

**Before**



**After**





# Questions and Discussion



Report:  
FIFA Community Viewing Parties



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# FIFA Community Viewing Parties

## Official World Cup FanZones Community Viewing Parties

- FanZones are official World Cup Viewing venues in partnership with Los Angeles Sports Entertainment Commission (LASEC)
  - Sites will include viewing and local food, and artist entertainment.
  - 5,000+attendance
  - Two Official FanZones
- LA County Parks Community Viewing Parties will be free and family friendly spaces to gather and watch select FIFA games.
  - Large mobile screens will provide free viewing of FIFA games to the public
  - Serving fewer than 1,000 attendees
  - Locations will be determined in the coming weeks in partnership with SD3, SD4, and SD5.

SD1: Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, July 9-11

SD2: Ervin Magic Johnson Park, July 4-5



Source: LA Opera, Opera in the Park, West Side Story Simulcast at Loma Alta Park, September 2025



# Questions and Discussion



# Report: Golf Division Update



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# Golf Rounds

- 846,582 rounds July - January 2026.
- 5.4 % increase compared to previous year.
- 30 months of consecutive increases, dating back to May of 2023.
- FY 24-25 performed the highest number of rounds since FY 2008-09.



# New Assistant Golf Director

## Jonathan Soto, PGA

- Jonathan joined the Golf Division team in January 2026.
- With ten years of experience at public golf courses, he'll provide support in golf operations and maintenance oversight and with LA County youth golf programming.



# Golf Advisory Committee Update

- The GAC provides a mechanism of credible and comprehensive public/community input to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation regarding the Los Angeles County's Golf Operations.
- Members of the committee are appointed by the LA County Parks Director.
- In 2025 LA County Parks engaged golf consultants, Global Golf Advisors to assist in restructuring the GAC. The current GAC members voted on and approved revised Bylaws.
- LA County Parks has developed an application, marketing and promotional material to be posted at all 18 golf courses and social media outlets to recruit 11 members to represent this new era of GAC.

**HELP SHAPE  
THE FUTURE OF  
PUBLIC GOLF  
IN LA COUNTY**

LA County Parks is seeking community-minded residents to serve on the Golf Advisory Committee. Help represent your neighborhood, guide policy, and support the future of public golf.

**LEARN MORE**  
[parks.lacounty.gov/general-golf-information](https://parks.lacounty.gov/general-golf-information)  
Scroll to the Golf Advisory Committee tab

**HOW TO APPLY**  
Complete the fillable application electronically or print it.

**SUBMIT BY**

- Email: [MBernal@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:MBernal@parks.lacounty.gov)
- In person: Any of LA County's 18 golf courses

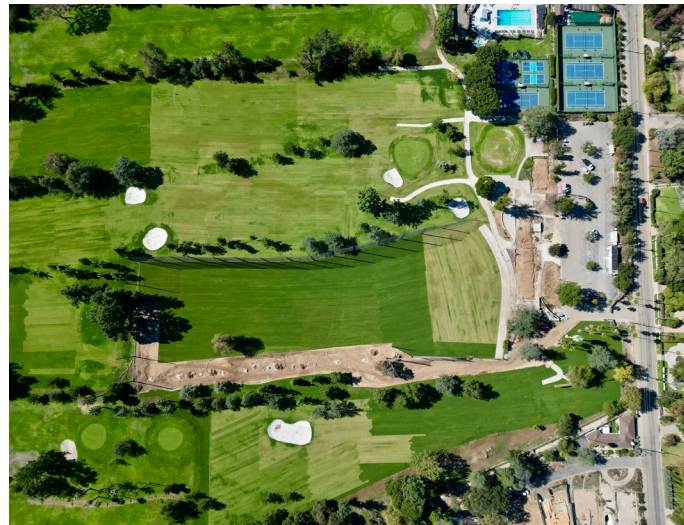
Please note: Maggie Hathaway and Altadena Golf Course are currently closed.

*Apply today and join the conversation.*

 **Parks & Recreation**

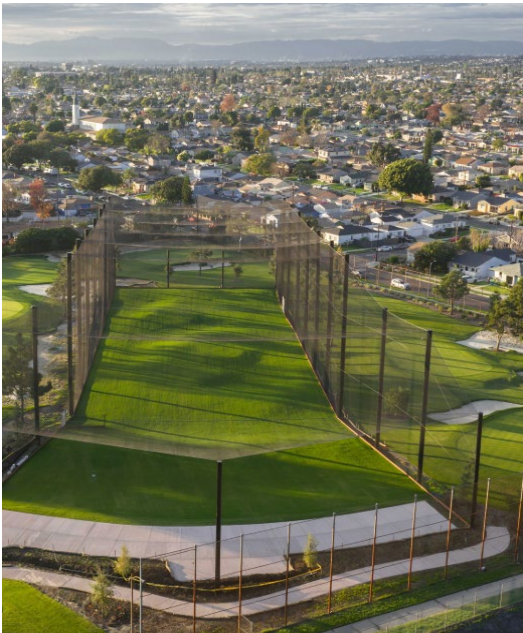
# Altadena Golf Course Update

- Army Corps completed a restoration of the Temporary Debris Storage and Reduction site back to golfing areas.
- This included 4 fairways, 4 tees, 5 bunkers, and the driving range tee and landing area (pictured).
- CourseCo is providing course maintenance and site monitoring.
- The course remains closed while the new sodded areas mature.



# Maggie Hathaway Golf Course

- Grand opening scheduled for March 27, 2026.
- Golf course is maturing and ready for play.
- New community center anticipated to be completed end of 2026.





# Questions and Discussion



# Report: Budget



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# Department of Parks and Recreation

## MISSION

To serve as stewards of parklands, build healthy and resilient communities and advance social equity and cohesion.

## MANDATORY & MAJOR DUTIES

- Stewardship of Countywide Regional Park System
- Stewardship of Unincorporated Local Recreation & Community Services
- Stewardship of Natural Lands & Habitat Protection (31,000+ acres of parkland)
- Administration of the Regional Park and Open Space District- Measure A



# Department of Parks and Recreation



## CURRENT BUDGET OVERVIEW

FY 2025-2026  
Final Adopted Budget  
(\$ Millions)

### Total Appropriation \$322.2M

*(What We Budgeted to Spend in FY 2025-26)*

 Salaries & Employee Benefits (1,723 positions)	<b>\$206.4 M</b> (64%)
 Services & Supplies	<b>\$86.0 M</b> (27%)
 Other (Cap Assets/Equip, Other Charges)	<b>\$29.8 M</b> (9%)

### Sources of Funding \$322.2M

*(How We Pay For All of This)*

 Federal Assistance	<b>\$3.0 M</b> (1%)
 State Assistance	<b>\$1.6 M</b> (1%)
 Fees/Charges for Services	<b>\$46.5 M</b> (14%)
 Other Resources*	<b>\$41.8 M</b> (13%)
 Net County Cost <i>remaining balance, covered by locally generated revenues</i>	<b>\$229.3 M</b> (71%)

\*Other Resources: includes one-time grant funding and funding from LA County Departments to support preventive and safety-net programs.



## BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY PROGRAM AREA

What These Investments Deliver For Residents

General Program Category	% of Dept Budget
Park Operation, Coverage and Basic Maintenance	75%
Youth Prevention and Community Programming <i>Recreation and Cultural, Aquatics, Nature Education, Seniors, Sports, After-School, Teen Centers</i>	22%
Regional Park and Open Space District <i>Measure A</i>	3%

Program categories shown here are presentation-level groupings created to consolidate information from the new LA County Enterprise System (LACES) for this briefing. Note that as part of the County's initial rollout of data-driven budgeting through LACES, categories and outcome measures will continue to evolve based on practical use and data insights as departments operationalize the system in FY 2026-27.



## DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES, METRICS & OUTCOMES

### Priority

### Metrics & Outcomes

#### Park Safety

- **20,604 maintenance work orders** completed in FY 2024-25
- **39.5 miles of graffiti** removed from County parks walls, sidewalks, infrastructure

#### Youth Prevention & Senior Well-Being

- **31,595 youth enrolled** in affordable youth sports (+13% vs. prior year)
- **48,167 teen attendances** to 16 *Our SPOT Teen Centers* (and 16,649 meals provided)
- **96,000 youth attendances** to *Every Body Plays After-School Program* (59 parks)
- **190,782 senior attendances** to Senior Programs across 27 parks (and 71,037 senior meals provided)

#### Water Safety

- **65,000 affordable swimming lessons** for youth and adults provided annually
- **1,216 water rescues** and medical aid provided and performed



## BUDGET REQUEST (FY2026-2027)

<b>Total New Appropriation Request*</b>	<b>\$25.6 M</b>
Additional positions requested	0.0
Additional NCC requested	\$25.4 M

<b>Key Budget Requests</b>	<b>Amount (\$000s)</b>	<b>One-Time/Ongoing?</b>	<b>Positions</b>
Trauma Response Coordinator, Park Safety (NCC neutral)	\$83	Ongoing	0.0
Deferred Maintenance of Park Infrastructure, Park Safety	\$4,000	One-time	0.0
Deferred Maintenance of Diseased Trees, Park Safety	\$1,000	One-time	0.0
Utilities, Fuel & Maintenance Contracts (address Structural Deficit)	\$20,368	One-time	0.0

\* Priority budget and unmet needs requests; excludes budget request for operations and maintenance of new parks and amenities



## CHALLENGES & MITIGATION STRATEGIES

### Challenges

- Continuing to **serve highest need youth & families** with prevention & safety net programming.
- **759 Safety Incident Reports** in FY24-25 of which 121 were serious threat and assaults (up 16%).
- **\$17 million in deficit** for utility, fuel, & maintenance contracts, \$7 million increase from FY25-26.
- **\$2.8 million in unfunded emergency repairs and escalating costs** driven by inflation, theft, vandalism, and public safety; also impacting risk and liability.
- Over **250,000+ urban tree forestry** requiring ongoing maintenance of which **2,824+ are dead or dying trees** in need of urgent removal.

### Mitigation Strategies

- Conversion of position to trauma response coordinator
- Transferred ownership of two parks: Hart Park (Santa Clarita) and Browns Canyon (MRCA)
- Implemented Curtailment of \$22.5M: Closed/eliminated PAD, regional parks & lakes Mon. & Tues., extended swim season from 23 weeks to 10, released 489 part-time staff
- Increasing safety lighting in 20 parks, with high violence scores and utilizing LED lighting – one-time NCC funding allocated in FY24-25.
- Over the decade, DPR conducted water and energy audits at all parks and implemented low-cost high impact conservation measures as allowed by existing budget.
- Increased fees/revenue to fund staff for nighttime closures of parks and restrooms.



# Questions and Discussion



# Report: Operations



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# Overview

## Timeline and Total SIRS

- Total incidents (Apr 2024 – January 31, 2026): **1,219 incidents**
- FY 24-25 (Jul 1, 2024 – Jun 30, 2025): **759 incidents**
- FY 25-26 To Date (July 1, 2025- January 31, 2026): **310 incidents**

## Notable Incidents

- 106 incidents involving park patron and staff safety
- 19 incidents involved Persons Experiencing Homelessness (PEH)
- 3 Shooting incidents
- 10 Arson fires

## Follow-up Actions

- 42 referrals to wraparound services
- 23 approved Exclusions
  - 3 appeals
  - 2 exclusions upheld

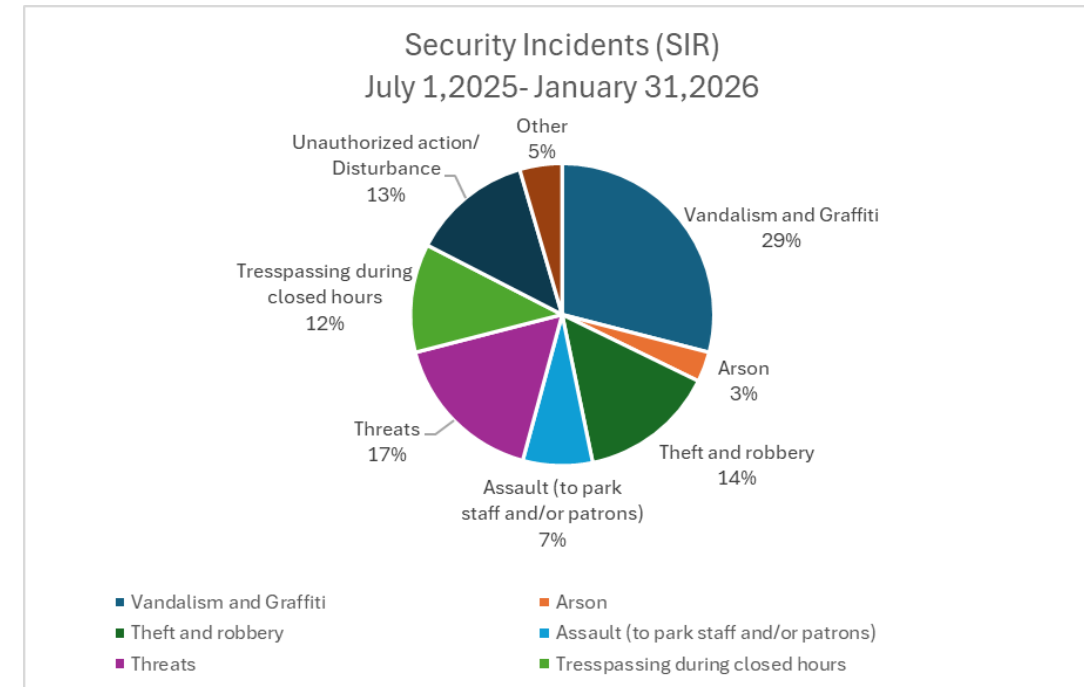
## Security Incident Report



# SIRS (July 01, 2025-January 31, 2026)

Vandalism/Graffiti, Disturbance and Assault make up most of this years reported incidents

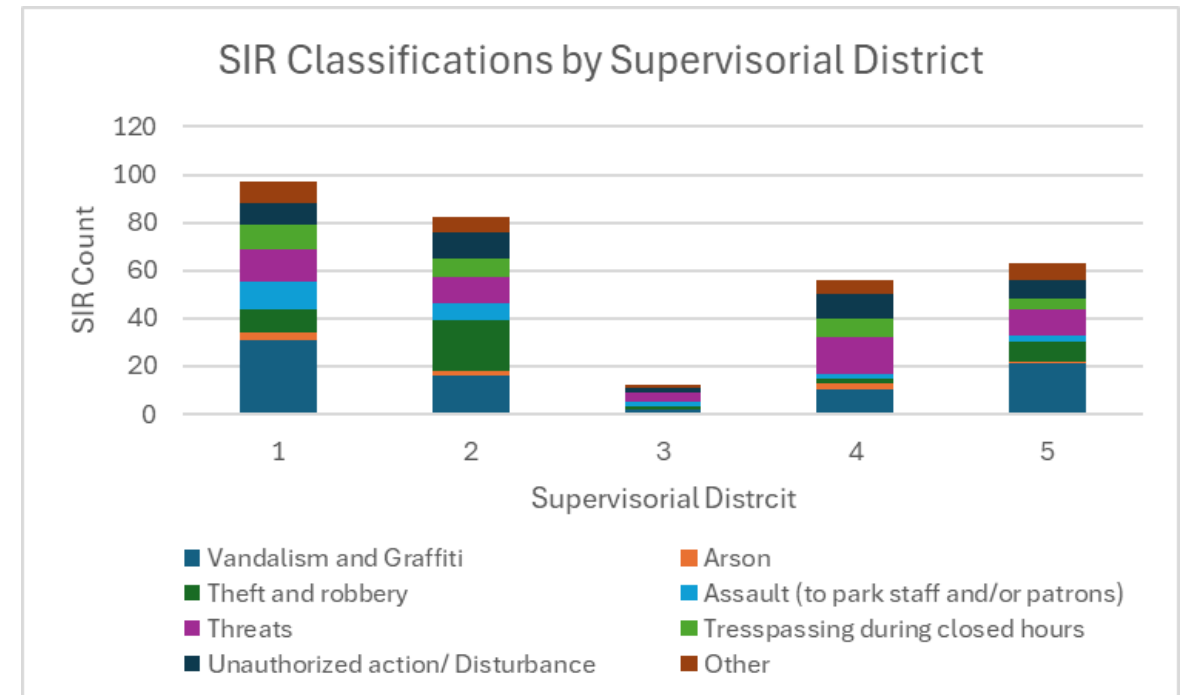
Incident Type	Number of Incidents
Vandalism and Graffiti	90
Arson	10
Theft and robbery	45
Assault (to park staff and/or patrons)	23
Threats	52
Trespassing during closed hours	36
Unauthorized action/ Disturbance	40
Other	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>310</b>



# Security Incidents- (July 01, 2025-January 31, 2026)

- 79% of vandalism incidents were reported to be gang-related (graffiti) incidents
- 13% of total maintenance work orders to address graffiti incidents.
- Theft and robbery incidents affect staff and park patrons in 14% of SIR cases.

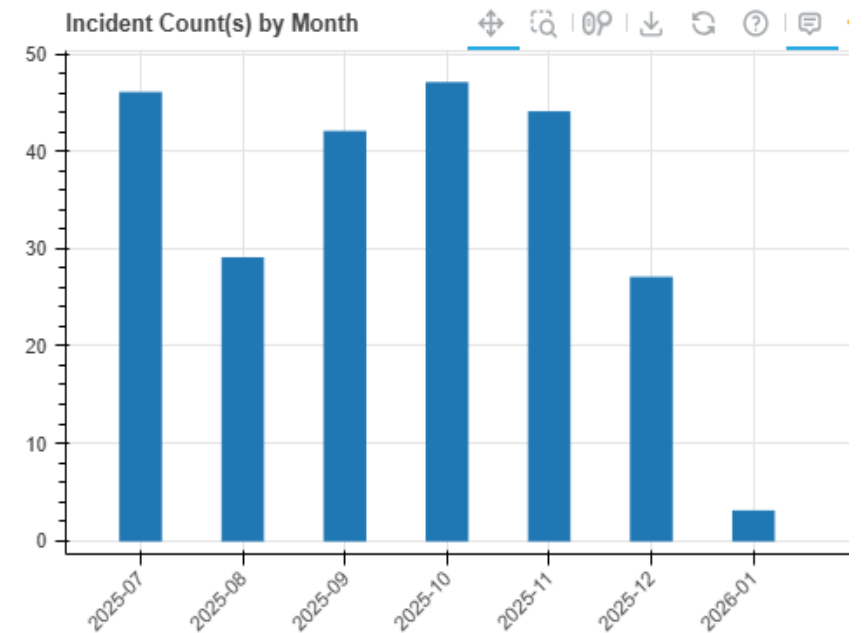
Supervisory District	Number of Incidents	%
1	97	35.02%
2	83	29.96%
3	12	4.33%
4	55	19.86%
5	63	22.74%
<b>Total</b>	<b>310</b>	



# Identifying Security Incident Trends-Projections

## Trends:

- We have seen a rise in trespassing incidents during closed park hours (from 4% last reporting cycle to 12% this fiscal year)
- We have seen an increase in threats and assault incidents to park staff including racially motivated slurs (from 16% last reporting cycle to 32% this fiscal year)
- There has been a notable increase in vehicular incidents at parks
  - Unauthorized vehicles making donuts in parking lots
  - Unpermitted Car events
- Continued incidents of vandalism and graffiti
  - Weekly Graffiti incidents reported at Bethune Park





# Questions and Discussion



# Report: Board Items



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# Upcoming Board Items

Agenda Date	Board Letters
03/17/26	William Steinmetz Park Restrooms And Parking Refurbishment Establish And Approve Capital Project Approve Project Scope And Budget Approve Appropriation Adjustment Authorize Use Of Job Order Contracts Capital Project No. 8A159 (Supervisorial District 1) (FY 2025-26, 4-VOTES)
	San Angelo Park Community Building 1 Renovations Establish And Approve Capital Project Approve Project Scope And Budget Approve Appropriation Adjustment Authorize Use Of Job Order Contracts Capital Project No. 8A187 (Supervisorial District 1) (FY2025-26, 4-Votes)
	Approval of a New Sole Source Agreement with Renaissance Entertainment Productions, Inc. for the Operation of a Renaissance Theme Faire at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area

Agenda Date	Board Motions
03/17/26	Naming the Hollywood Bowl Pavilion the Terri and Jerry Kohl Artists Pavilion (Supervisorial District 5)
	*Baldwin Lake and Tule Pond Restoration Project (Supervisorial District 5)

# Upcoming Board Items

Agenda Date	Board Items
04/07/26	Eugene A. Obregón Park Parkwide Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 8A161 City Terrace Park Parkwide Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 8A162 Establish And Approve Capital Project Approve Project Scope And Budget Approve Appropriation Adjustment Authorize Use Of Job Order Contracts (Supervisorial District 1) (FY2025-26, 4-votes)
	Sole Source Amendment Number Two To Agreement Number 77748 For The Management, Operation, And Maintenance Of Arcadia Tennis Center At Arcadia Community Regional Park



# Aquatics

# Aquatic Programs

Season: December 1 – February 28, 2026

The Aquatics Agency continues to offer programs at: Castaic Aquatic Center, San Fernando Pool, Belvedere Pool, Hilda L. Solis Aquatic Center, Jesse Owens Pool, Franklin D. Roosevelt Pool, and Greater Whittier Regional Aquatics Center.

Programs include:

- FREE Everybody Swims sessions
- Water Exercise classes for \$35/month
- Lap Swim options with punch card pricing
- Swim Lessons for ages 7-17 at \$25/session
- Youth Water Polo Team participation at \$25 for the winter league
- Morning sessions are free for adults 65+ and for individuals with disabilities

Activity	Total
Water Exercise	3291
Learn to Swim	1624
Adult Learn to Swim	881
Adaptive Swim	295
Parent & Child	329
Water Polo	245

\*\*The above shows the registration number of each program in Fall 2025.\*\*

# Scuba Course

The SCUBA Certification Program originated in the Department's Underwater Unit established in 1954 to promote safe underwater activities. The program provides structured instruction in scuba diving techniques, safety procedures, and dive science. Participants receive hands-on training in pool and open-water environments, learning equipment use, dive planning, hazard recognition, and emergency response skills necessary for public safety and operational diving.

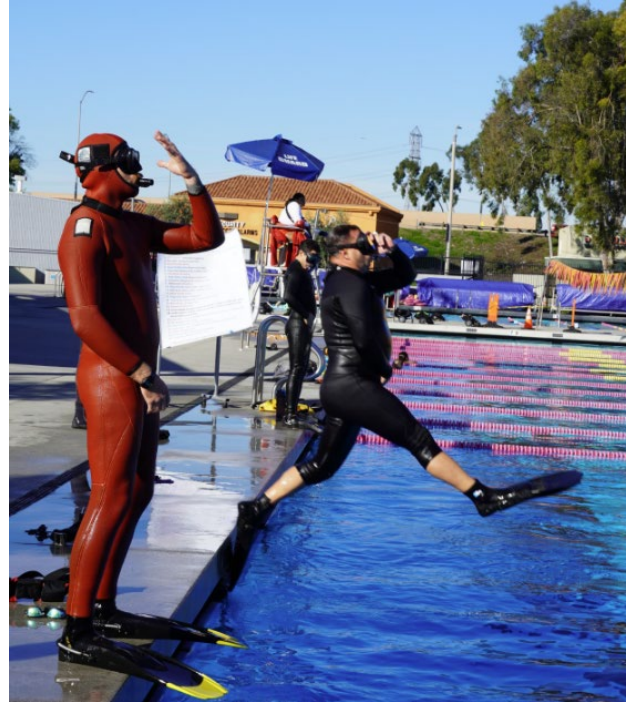
Basic Scuba Diver Certification Program: 4-week certification course

2025 Cohort: 15 participants

Participant Agencies:

- LA County Pool Lifeguards
- LA County Lake Lifeguards
- LA County Ocean Lifeguards
- LA City Open Water Lifeguards
- Long Beach Marine Safety





# Underwater Instructor Certification Course (UICC)

The Underwater Instructor Certification Course (UICC) is widely regarded as one of the most comprehensive and demanding public-sector dive instructor training programs in the nation. The 3½-month course provides comprehensive leadership instruction in freediving and SCUBA diving sciences through an intensive academic curriculum and rigorous pool and open-water training conducted across the Greater Los Angeles area and surrounding coastal waters. Historically instrumental in establishing modern training standards, the UICC continues to prepare instructors who advance aquatic safety, risk management, and the safe participation of underwater recreation locally and beyond.

Program start date:

- January 3, 2026

Selection process:

- Passed a rigorous two-day tryout at Belvedere Aquatic Center and Redondo Beach

Participant agencies:

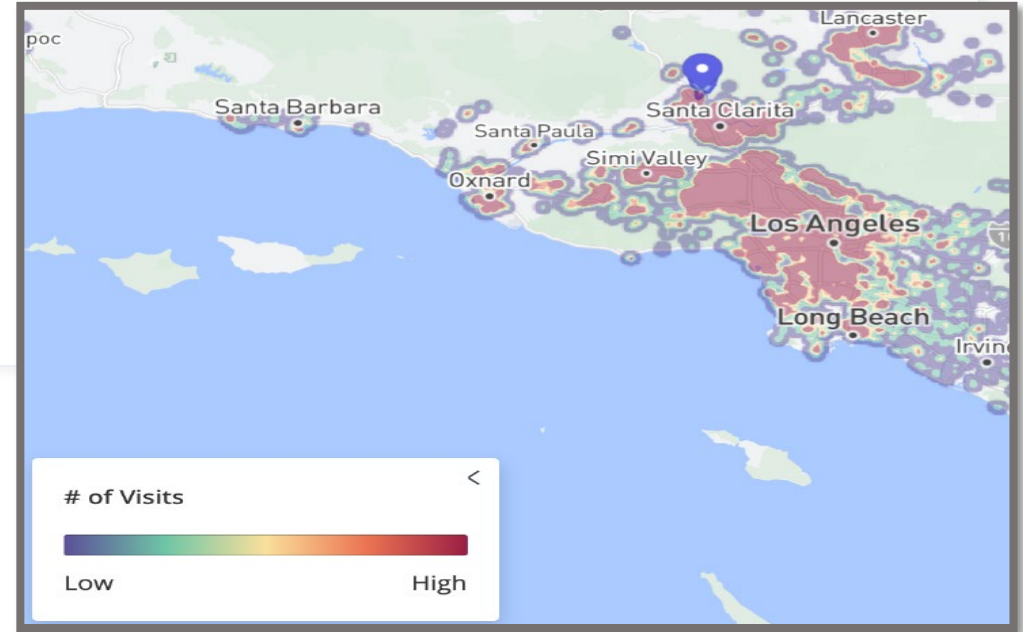
- Long Beach Marine Safety
- LA County Ocean Lifeguards
- LA County Ocean Lifeguards
- LA County Lake Lifeguards
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- LA County Pool Lifeguards
- Santa Monica Harbor Patrol
- Laguna Beach Marine Safety
- Long Beach Marine Safety
- General Public



# LAKE VISITATION

01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025

## BY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT



### **CASTAIC LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA**

#### **Visitor Origin by Supervisorial District**

Supervisorial District	% of Visitors
District 5	≈ 64%
District 3	≈ 17%
District 2	≈ 6%
District 1	≈ 4%
District 4	≈ 4%
Outside LA County	≈ 5%

### **SANTA FE DAM RECREATION AREA**

#### **Visitor Origin by Supervisorial District**

Supervisorial District	% of Visitors
District 1	≈ 48%
District 5	≈ 29%
District 3	≈ 8%
District 2	≈ 6%
District 4	≈ 4%
Outside LA County	≈ 5%

### **FRANK G. BONELLI REGIONAL PARK**

#### **Visitor Origin by Supervisorial District**

Supervisorial District	% of Visitors
District 1	≈ 41%
District 5	≈ 33%
District 3	≈ 9%
District 2	≈ 6%
District 4	≈ 5%
Outside LA County	≈ 6%

# Upcoming Event

County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation

# Swim Team Championship

FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2026



**HILDA L. SOLIS  
AQUATIC CENTER**

14804 Temple Avenue  
La Puente, CA 91744

Phone: (626) 986-2761

**Swimmers  
Check In  
begins at  
8:15am**

**START TIME: 9:00 AM  
\*END TIME: 1:00 PM**

Snack will be provided to participants

\*FINALS may run longer than  
typical meets



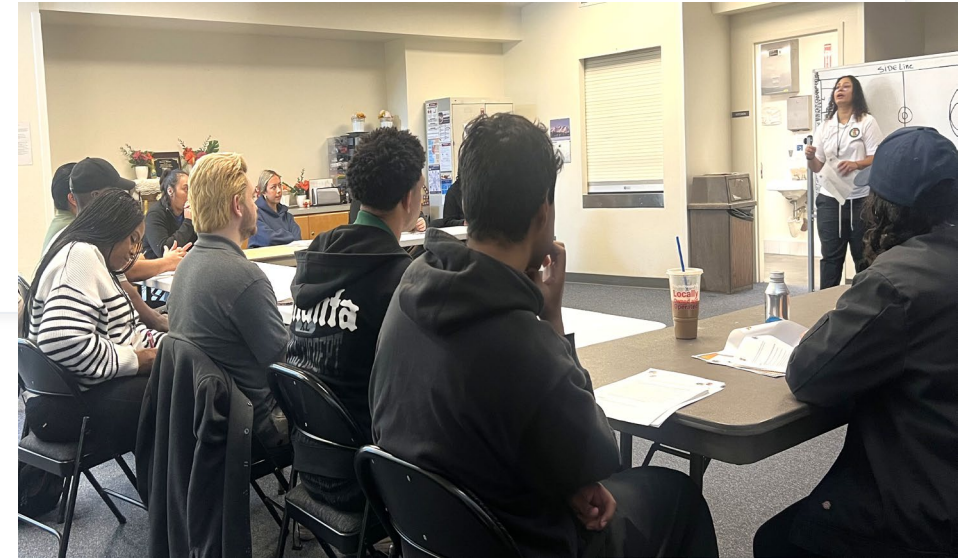


Sports

# Winter Basketball

## January 17 - March 7

- Jr. Clippers Program: Offered at 60 locations
- Participation: 3,300 youth
- Ages served: Boys and girls ages 5-17
- Countywide tournament: March 14 - March 21



# Spring Sports

Coaches Clinics - Positive Coaching Alliance

3/28 - Obregon Park

4/4 - El Cariso and Basset Park

4/10 Sorensen and Jackie Robinson Park

4/25 - Magic Johnson Park

Dodger Dreamteam Baseball and Softball League - Opening Day - April 18th



# Girls Sports Day 2026

- Saturday, May 16
- Expected - Over 500 Girls ages 9-18
- Opportunity to explore a new sport, hear from inspiring speakers, and connect with friends



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## GIRLS SPORTS DAY

**MAY 16**  
9 AM - 4 PM  
AGES 9-18

FREE  
EVENT

Get ready for an amazing day at LA County Parks Annual Girls Sports Day! Try exciting sports, play fun games, enjoy great music, win cool prizes, and explore wellness activities. Hear from inspiring speakers, connect with friends, and enjoy lunch together!



**Special Keynote Speaker: Blake Bolden**  
Former National Women's Hockey League Player

REGISTER HERE

- REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT [BIT.LY/2026GSD](https://bit.ly/2026GSD)
- THE FIRST 500 REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A FREE PAIR OF SNEAKERS!\*
- FREE TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE AT SELECT LOCATIONS

**EL CARISO PARK**  
13100 Hubbard Street  
Sylmar, CA 91342

*\*Must attend and participate; sneakers provided at the end of the event.*

[parks.lacounty.gov/girls-sports-day](https://parks.lacounty.gov/girls-sports-day)

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# Natural Areas

# San Dimas Raptor Rescue 2025 Impact

- 363 raptors received care at our center
- 173 successfully rehabilitated and returned to the wild
- 3 transferred for permanent placement



**We achieved a 72% release rate for raptors surviving the first 24 hours—nearly double the national average release rate of ~35–40%.**



# Upcoming Programs


**Parks & Recreation**

**SAN GABRIEL RIVER PARK**

## ¡Lotería!

AT SAN GABRIEL RIVER PARK

Join us for a FREE fun and engaging afternoon as we dive into the world of California Native Plants, while playing a fun game of Native Plant Lotería!

Designed for all ages, this game will introduce you to California Native Plants, highlight interesting facts, and share how Native American communities have traditionally used them.

So come be part of an afternoon full of fun, laughter, and prizes for all ages!

**SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026**  
**EVERY SATURDAY**  
**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**SAN GABRIEL RIVER PARK**  
 255 S. SAN FIDEL AVE  
 LA PUENTE, CA 91746

**FREE, NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
 ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED

*All ages welcome with parent/guardian supervision*



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**SAN DIMAS CANYON NATURE CENTER**

## Nurturing Nature, One Plant at a Time!

SAN DIMAS CANYON NATURE CENTER GARDENING CLUB

### WHAT WE DO

- WEEDING INVASIVE PLANTS
- PLANTING NATIVE PLANTS & TREES
- WATERING NEW PLANTS
- COLLECTING NATIVE SEEDS

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**

**Every last Saturday of the month**  
**9:00am - 12:00 pm**

**SAN DIMAS CANYON NATURE CENTER**  
 1628 Sycamore Canyon Rd.  
 San Dimas, CA 91773  
 (909) 599-7512



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## Ranger Raccoon's RECYCLE RALLY

**THE LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
**2 PM - 3:30 PM**

- ★ Donate your recyclable plastic bottles & aluminum cans
- ★ Arts & Crafts Activities
- ★ Meet Ranger Raccoon
- ★ Animal Ambassador Presentations

**WHITTIER NARROWS NATURE CENTER**  
 1000 N. DURFEE AVE,  
 SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733  
 (626) 575-5523



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# Recreation and Special Events

# Upcoming Community Event

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The poster features a teal background with white clouds and flowers. At the top, the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks & Recreation logo is displayed. The main title 'Spring Jubilee' is in a large, white, serif font. Below it, the dates 'March 17 - March 28' are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. A paragraph of text describes the event as a celebration of spring with various activities. The bottom section of the poster is decorated with a yellow basket of flowers, two carrots, and a striped egg. The footer contains the website URL and the names of five staff members.

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**Parks & Recreation**

# \*Spring Jubilee\*

**March 17 - March 28**

Spring is a time for growth and possibilities. Join LA County Parks as we celebrate Spring Jubilee, featuring egg hunts, crafts, games, food tastings, performances and outdoor activities to celebrate spring's arrival. Fun for all as we welcome the new season!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [PARKS.LACOUNTY.GOV/SPRING](https://parks.lacounty.gov/spring)**

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# Youth Programming

## Our SPOT Teen Centers

Our SPOT Teen Centers operate at 16 locations with expanded hours, serving over 15,000 youth in FY25 by providing safe, enriching spaces with academic support, meals, and activities, and are expanding impact through a new UCLA partnership that brings tutoring, mentoring, and college-readiness support to all sites.



**OUR SPOT - TEEN CENTER**

Looking for somewhere fun to hang out after school? We've got you! Activities include:

- Field trips and Teen nights
- Cultural Arts Workshops
- Mentorship and job pathways
- Supper served at 7:00 PM

**HOURS**

- During School Year: Afterschool - 9:00 PM
- Summer: 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**OUR SPOT LOCATIONS**  
100% FREE for teens ages 12-18 (Grades 6-12)

<b>AMELIA MAYBERRY PARK</b> 13201 East Meyer Road, Whittier, CA 90605, (562) 944-9727	<b>JACKIE ROBINSON PARK</b> 8773 East Avenue B, Little Rock, CA 95543 (661) 944-2880
<b>BELVEDERE COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARK</b> 4914 East Cesar Chavez Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90022, (323) 260-2342	<b>LENOX PARK</b> 10828 South Condon Avenue, Lomax, CA 90304, (310) 439-6712
<b>CITY TERRACE PARK</b> 1126 North Hazard Avenue, East Los Angeles, CA 90063, (323) 260-2371	<b>LOMA ALTA PARK</b> 3330 N. Lincoln Ave., Alhambra, CA 91801, (626) 398-5451
<b>EARVIN MAGIC JOHNSON PARK</b> 908 E. El Segundo Blvd., Los Angeles, 90059 (323) 942-8457	<b>MONA PARK</b> 2291 E. 121st St., Compton, CA 90222, (310) 603-3729
<b>EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ PARK</b> 15126 South Atlantic Avenue, Compton, CA 90221, (310) 603-3724	<b>PAMELA PARK</b> 2326 Granddell Avenue, Duarte, CA 91010, (626) 357-1619
<b>EL CARDOSO COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARK</b> 13100 Hubbard St., Sylmar, CA 91342, (818) 367-5043	<b>ROBERT F. SALAZAR PARK</b> 3864 Whittier Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90023, (323) 260-2330
<b>ERSENE A. OREGON PARK</b> 4021 E. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90063 (323) 260-2344	<b>SAN ANGELO PARK</b> 245 South San Angelo Avenue, La Puente, CA 91750, (626) 948-2666
<b>FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PARK</b> 7600 Graham Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90001, (323) 586-7228	<b>STEPHEN SORENSON PARK</b> 16801 E. Ave. P, Palmdale, CA 93551, (661) 264-1249

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## Every Body Plays (EBP)

The program operates at 59 park sites with expanded hours during November-December 2025, with over 27,000 youth visits by providing meals, homework support, field trips, STEM-focused Tech Labs, and cultural arts programming that promote academic engagement, creativity, and confidence in learning.



**EVERY BODY PLAYS**  
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 - MAY 22, 2026  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
2:30PM - 6:00PM  
AGES 7-17

Play, create, and explore with Every Body Plays After-School Program at your local LA County Park! This FREE program is packed with games, crafts, homework support, field trips and fun adventures, all in a safe, welcoming space for kids to connect, have fun, and thrive.

**Program Includes:**

- Homework Help
- Tech Lab
- Themed Arts & Crafts
- Sports and Fitness
- Outdoor Adventures
- Field Trips
- Snacks Served at all Sites

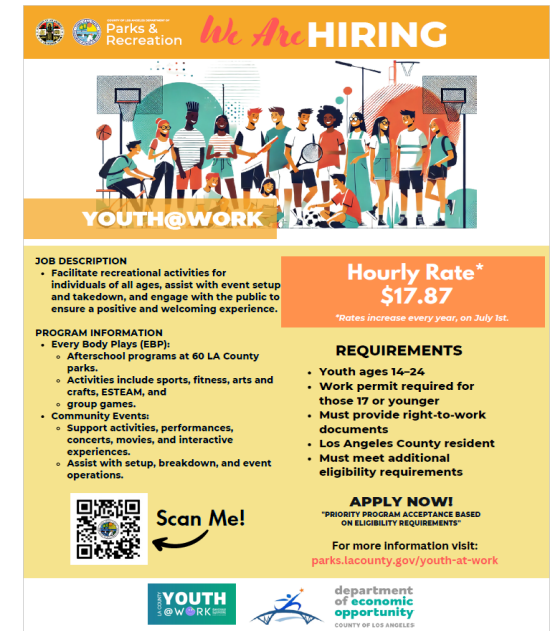
**FREE**

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## Youth@Work

The program offers paid work experience that builds youth job readiness and leadership skills while supporting park programs, serving as a pipeline to ESTEAM programming and engaging over 305 youth to date with ongoing recruitment year-round.



**We Are HIRING**

**YOUTH@WORK**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

- Facilitate recreational activities for individuals of all ages, assist with event setup and takedown, and engage with the public to ensure a positive and welcoming experience.

**Hourly Rate\* \$17.87**  
\*Rates increase every year, on July 1st.

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

- Every Body Plays (EBP):
  - Afterschool programs at 60 LA County parks.
  - Activities include sports, fitness, arts and crafts, ESTEAM, and group games.
- Community Events:
  - Support activities, performances, concerts, movies, and interactive experiences.
  - Assist with setup, breakdown, and event operations.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Youth ages 14-24
- Work permit required for those 17 or younger
- Must provide right-to-work documents
- Los Angeles County resident
- Must meet additional eligibility requirements

**APPLY NOW!**  
\*PRIORITY PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE BASED ON ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS\*

For more information visit:  
[parks.lacounty.gov/youth-at-work](https://parks.lacounty.gov/youth-at-work)

YOUTH@WORK | department of economic opportunity | COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# 2025 Senior Program Highlights

## Accomplishments:

- 203,461 - Visits to Senior Program Sites
- 71,825 - Meals Served at (9) Congregate Meal Sites (Soon to be 10 @ Lennox Park Launching in March 2026)
- 3,390 - Classes and Outcomes Addressing:
  - Physical Fitness, Socialization, Engagement, Prevention and Life Learning Opportunities



## New Processes:

- Revamped and standardized site monthly calendars
- 1,000+ referrals to social service agencies, including **738 referrals** provided during the October-November 2025 SNAP (CalFresh) benefit pause and government shutdown
- Launched a digital social services referral guide for staff
- **Staff Development**
  - 2 hours of staff training per month
  - *Senior Circle* - monthly newsletter

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**LA COUNTY SENIOR PROGRAMS STAFF RESOURCE GUIDE**

**SOCIAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & RESOURCE SEARCH ENGINES**

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY Aging & Disabilities Department**

**LACOUNTY.GOV dpss Department of Public Social Services**

**Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk**

**211LA**

**Humana**

**NOVEMBER 2025**

**Parks Recreation**

**Senior Programs Staff's Monthly Newsletter**

**STEPHEN ROBERTSON PARK**

**Welcome to the Senior Circle! Staying prepared and Connected**

**ATTENTION**

Dear Team, Welcome to this special edition of our community newsletter. This is an important note from DPSS.

**ATTENTION**

Due to the Federal Government Shutdown, CalFresh benefits will be delayed for the month of November.

We strongly encourage customers to continue submitting their Senior Annual Reports (SAR) and provide funds to help benefit the government's need to funding programs.

Individuals in need of immediate food assistance are encouraged to visit your local food bank for assistance. For a list of locations, please visit [www.211.org](http://www.211.org) or contact 211 by dialing 311 or calling 311.org.

Our resources continued to help our partners and customers informed on new updates between agencies.

In a time of change and uncertainty, our mission remains clear: to ensure the well-being, security, and connection of every constituent in our community, young and old. We know you are concerned about current events, from the progress of critical programs to the financial implications of the government shutdown.

**Inside this issue, we're addressing these critical topics head-on:**

- **Rapid Response:** Matching Needs to Public Assistance
- **DPSS - CalFresh (SNAP):** Benefits already loaded on EBT cards are safe. New NOVEMBER issuances may be delayed.
- **ACTIVE:** Seniors should continue to submit renewals on time to keep case active
- Local Food Banks & Emergency Food Resources
- **LA Food Bank Locator**
- **Line 211**
- Senior Meal Program (SAMP) 1-800-930-2020
- For Home Delivered Meals
- **Timeless Steps: Community Winter Formal,** Fight Holiday Isolation with an elegant evening of dance and social connection.
  - Parks will be planning winter formals.
  - Email titled "Senior Winter Formal Dinners - Timeless Steps: A Winter Celebration of Dance" for standards and budgets.
- **Senior Focus Group Findings:** Preparing for Final Review.
  - Conducting our last visits this week.
  - Surveys will be submitted online.
  - Observations will be written to deliver to Board.

# Community Classes Program

## Program Overview

Provides accessible, affordable recreational and enrichment classes for residents of all ages while supporting local instructors and micro-businesses through paid teaching opportunities. Programs promote wellness, skill development, and lifelong learning.

## Participant Highlights

- Strong repeat enrollment
- High demand for fitness, dance and martial arts
- Diverse age groups served
- Expanded access across park locations

## Community Impact

- Improves physical and mental wellness
- Provides affordable recreation opportunities
- Strengthens community connections
- Encourages lifelong learning
- Supports local instructors and small businesses



Discussion:  
Park Deputy Roundtable

Item 11



Adjournment



Item 13