PROGRAM HISTORY

Created in 1986 under the Department of Beaches & Harbors

by late Assistant Chief Lifeguard, Russell Walker

Aimed at recruitment to create a diverse pool of candidates for the Ocean Lifeguard position

Water Awareness, Training, Education, Recreation Program
RENEWED FOCUS

- On ocean safety skills
- Outreach to youth with special needs and underserved communities

OCEAN SAFETY DAYS

- Up to 6,000 youth participate annually
- Ages 5 - 17
- Approximately 150 programs per year

DBH's and Fire's Lifeguard Division's 27-year Partnership
BOARD MOTION

- Authorized the return of lifeguard personnel to DBH.
- Allocated the new WATER Program positions.
- Renamed program to the Russell Walker WATER Program.
- Directed DCFS and Probation to work with DBH to engage youth in WATER Programming.
- Friendly Amendment by Supervisor Solis.
WATER PROGRAM TEAM

(1) WATER Program Aquatics Manager
(2) WATER Program Specialist, Lifeguard
(8) WATER Program Lifeguard (permanent)
(10) WATER Program Lifeguard (recurrent)

SUPPORTING STAFF
(1) Staff Assistant I
(1) Student Worker
A GROWING PROGRAM

Sailing Camps

SAFELY RESUMED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

• Afternoon sessions
• Spring, summer and winter school breaks
A GROWING PROGRAM

District Days in the Marina

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Youth & family-serving organizations
- Saturday programs for the whole family
A GROWING PROGRAM

Can the Trash!
Winners' Celebration
EXPANDED PROGRAMMING

- Weeklong camps with Probation youth.
- Weekend programs with DPR
  - OurSpot Teen Program
  - Lifeguard Ready Program
- SD1 Organizations
- LASD VIDA Program
- Summer Programming
ACADEMIA AVANCE SPRING 2022 SEMESTER COURSE

“EXPLORING THE LOS ANGELES COASTLINE”

- Marina del Rey as the course “lab"

- Site visits to
  - The Ballona Wetlands
  - MdR Boat Yard
  - Hornblower Cruises
  - Port of Los Angeles

- Beginning Sailing Course

Water Awareness, Training, Education, Recreation Program
SUMMER PROGRAMMING

- Sailing Camps
- DPR ESTEAM Camps & OurSpot Teens
- DCFS youth & families Ocean Safety Days
- DCFS youth weeklong Ocean Adventure Camps
- Probation youth one-day & multi-day programs
VISION FOR FUTURE EXPANSION

• Two programs per day, at separate locations, 7-days a week.

• Incorporate more opportunities for environmental education and exploration of careers connected to the coast.

• Continue to reach youth of all abilities from areas of high need and special populations.
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LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES & HARBORS

2022 SUMMER PROGRAMMING

A preview to our Department’s upcoming events
MARINA CULTURE JAM

• NEW PROGRAM | Special three-part series presented by The Music Center at Burton Chace Park

• Features live performances, cultural learning activities, & Can the Trash! craft corner

• UPCOMING DATE | Sunday, June 12th (Part III)

• PERFORMERS
  ○ 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM | TAIKOPROJECT
  ○ 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM | DIAVOLO

• CULTURAL WORKSHOP
  ○ 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Kinetic Paper Sculptures
BEACH EATS

- Weekly gourmet food truck event
- Guests can order food in advance or order directly from the truck
  - bestfoodtrucks.com/beacheats
- DATES: May 12 - October 27 (Thursdays)
- TIME: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- LOCATION: Lot #11 - 14101 Panay Way
JULY 4TH
FIREWORKS DISPLAY

• Monday, July 4th | 9:00 PM

• Celebrate with a spectacular 20-minute fireworks display over the water in Marina del Rey!

• Enjoy the show that can be seen from virtually anywhere in the Marina.
MARINA DEL REY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

BURTON CHACE PARK

Thursday, July 14 | Opera at the Shore
Saturday, July 30 | Las Cafeteras
Thursday, August 4 | A Night Celebrating Music in Film
Saturday, August 27 | Blind Boys of Alabama
MARINA MOVIE NIGHTS

- DATES: Select Saturdays (10 total)
  - July 9, 16, 23
  - August 6, 13, 20
  - September 3, 10, 17, 24
- LOCATION: Burton Chace Park
- EVENT START TIME: 8:00 PM
MARINA DRUM CIRCLE

- **DATES:** August 14 - October 26 (Sundays)

- **EVENT TIME:**
  - 1st Session: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
  - 2nd Session: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

- **LOCATION:** Burton Chace Park

- All ages are welcome to enjoy a journey of creating beats and sounds collectively.
DANCE MDR

- Chance to learn new dances & dance the night away under the stars at Burton Chace Park.

- Some of L.A’s top DJs and local bands play live while the crowd learns new moves in different dance styles—from Samba and Bollywood, to Salsa and Disco.

- DATES: Friday nights in September (5 total)
  ○ September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
**WATERBUS**

- **DATES | JUNE 17 - SEPTEMBER 5**

  - Fridays: 2 PM – 10 PM
  - Saturdays: 12 PM – 10 PM
  - Sundays: 12 PM – 9 PM

  **Holiday Schedule**
  - July 4th: 12 PM – 11 PM
  - Labor Day: 11 AM – 9 PM

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**BEACH SHUTTLE**

- **DATES | MAY 28 - SEPTEMBER 25**

  - **LOCATION |** Playa Vista, Marina del Rey, Venice Beach Pier

  - **HOURS OF OPERATION**
    - Saturdays (10AM - 10PM)
    - Sundays and Select Holidays* (10AM - 8PM)
      *Memorial Day, July 4th, & Labor Day

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2022 SUMMER PROGRAMMING
MARINA DEL REY FARMERS’ MARKET

- Saturdays | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

- Lot #11 at Via Marina and Panay Way

- Shop weekly for fresh flowers, fruits and vegetables, gourmet foods, handmade gift items, and more.
WEEKLY CLASSES AT BURTON CHACE PARK

**YOGA**
- Sundays
  - 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
  - $10/class

**BOOTCAMP**
- Mondays
  - 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
  - $10/class

**ZUMBA**
- Tuesdays + Thursdays
  - 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
  - FREE

**SANDY BRUSHES**
- Wednesdays
  - 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
  - FREE
MARINA DEL REY

- LA’s Marina
- Community destination
- Free and low cost recreational opportunities
- Access for all
CAN THE TRASH!

- Annual Can the Trash! Clean Beach Poster Contest
- Open to all 3rd - 5th graders in LA County
- Draw a picture with a message about how to keep our oceans & beaches pollution-free and healthy.
- Selected artwork displayed on beach trash barrels so that the message is shared with millions of beachgoers.
- One winner from each grade will be selected by each of the five Supervisorial Districts. A total of 15 winners will be selected.
COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

- DATE: Saturday, September 17th
- EVENT HOURS: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- LOCATION: Dockweiler Youth Center

Heal the Bay
BEACH MOVIE NIGHTS

- DATES: Friday Nights (10 total)
  - July 8, 15, 22, 29
  - August 5, 12, 19, 26
  - September 2, 9

- EVENT START TIME: 8:00 PM

- LOCATION: Dockweiler Beach
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