



# CITY OF BALDWIN PARK

## Press Release

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## Baldwin Park Celebrates “Where You Belong” During July’s Parks and Recreation Month

**BALDWIN PARK, CA** – This July, the City of Baldwin Park invites the community to find [“Where You Belong”](#) during Parks and Recreation Month! Baldwin Park joins cities across the country in celebrating the essential services that parks and recreation professionals provide to promote healthy communities and build belonging.

“Parks and Recreation Month is a wonderful chance to highlight the vital work of our Recreation and Community Services Department. What they do year-round undoubtedly makes Baldwin Park a better place to live, work and play,” said Baldwin Park Mayor Emmanuel J. Estrada. “From providing critical social services to vulnerable populations to maintaining beautiful parks and facilities and so much more, our award-winning team is dedicated to serving the entire community.”

In recognition of Parks and Recreation Month, the Baldwin Park Recreation and Community Services Department invites the public to attend a host of special events and activities planned for this July, including:

- [Paletas in the Park](#): 2-4 p.m. on July 1 at Morgan Park
- Summer Splash events: July 9 and July 23
- Coffee with the Parks: Micropark event at the Starbucks across from Morgan Park on July 16
- Loteria in the Park for Families: July 17 and July 31
- Parks & Recreation Professionals Day: July 19
- Dive In Movie event: 3-6 p.m. on July 26 at the Baldwin Park Aquatic Center

The City also welcomes the community to participate in our annual summer traditions, which are currently underway, including the [Independence Day Spectacular](#), [Movies Under the Stars](#), [Summer Concerts in the Park](#) and the [Downtown Street Market series](#) on Thursdays at Morgan Park. These

events have already drawn impressive crowds; the Summer Concerts in the Park event last week featured social media influencer @latinafoodiela and has over 50,000 views!

In addition to these summer events, the Recreation and Community Services Department continues to offer an array of [ongoing programs and services](#) for the community, including day camps, swim lessons, senior center activities, free meals for kids, kids club, excursions and much more. As it works directly with community members, the department also plans and oversees major initiatives to improve City park facilities. That work involves prioritizing facility needs and engaging the community on its preferences. The department is able to fund these projects through a stellar track record of applying to and receiving grant funding for notable initiatives, such as the [Big Dalton Wash Trail](#) project. Other exciting current projects underway include the Morgan Park Restroom Improvements Project, the design process for the brand-new [Ana Montenegro Park](#) and the extensive renovation and expansion of [Barnes Park](#), which is set to reopen in summer 2026. In addition to the restroom improvements, the department has secured funding for further improvements at Morgan Park including a playground replacement, additional shade sails, resurfaced basketball courts, new landscaping plaza, renovated lighting and an expanded splash pad.

The Recreation and Community Services department also provides critical social services to support all Baldwin Park residents, including many of the most vulnerable populations. This includes services for the unhoused, including temporary bridge housing sites at [Serenity Homes and Esperanza Villas](#). The department also provides a wide range of support through the [Teri G. Muse Family Service Center](#), which provides addiction support, rental assistance, transportation assistance, clothing and hygiene donations and more to protect the wellbeing of all Baldwin Park residents.

The extensive work of the Recreation and Community Services department has garnered it a number of local, state and national awards, establishing the Baldwin Park team as a leading example for Parks and Recreation departments. These awards validate the dedication of not only the Recreation and Community Services department, but also the elected officials, staff and community members who continue to collaborate to create a better Baldwin Park.

“I’m incredibly proud of the work we do at the Recreation and Community Services Department. We have a tremendous team of more than 150 full-time and part-time staff who are all deeply committed to serving the Baldwin Park community,” said Manuel Carillo Jr., director of the Recreation and Community Services Department. “I look forward to seeing our community celebrate at the many exciting events we have planned this July.”

For more information on Parks and Recreation Month and the Baldwin Park Department of Recreation and Community Services, please visit [the City's website](#).

## **About the City of Baldwin Park**

Baldwin Park is a nearly seven-square-mile, suburban community of 72,000 residents in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. As the hub of the San Gabriel Valley, Baldwin Park is known for its ease of access and mobility, young and diverse residents, and vibrant, growing business community. For more information, visit [baldwinpark.com](#) or follow Baldwin Park on Facebook (@BaldwinParkCAGov), Instagram (BaldwinPark\_CAGov), and Twitter (BaldwinParkCA\_).