



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Spring Carnival

The City of Los Alamitos Recreation & Community Services Department hosted its annual MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach Spring Carnival presented by CalOptima Health on Saturday, March 30, 2024. The event took place at Little Cottonwood Park from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., despite the rain. This free event welcomed the community to enjoy a morning of family-friendly activities, including a massive egg hunt, with attendees prepared for the weather in rain boots, rain jackets, and umbrellas to make for an exciting and unique experience.

Spring Carnival continues the Recreation & Community Services Department's commitment to serving and creating quality of life for its residents. The event was led by Recreation Supervisor Kristina Villaluna with assistance from Recreation Coordinator Angel Hernandez. The event provided a fun space for families to participate in a photo opportunity with Peter Rabbit, eat delicious food, play games, enjoy music, paint their face, play with a balloon animal, and participate in an egg hunt.

#### Egg Hunt Schedule –

- Ages 0-2: 10:00 a.m.
- All Ages: 10:30 a.m.
- All Ages: 11:00 a.m.
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15,000 pastel-colored eggs littered the hunting zone. This year, the hunting areas were condensed into one large, fenced area located in the center of the event. The special golden eggs also returned, and a unique prize basket was offered to the lucky few who could snatch one. 20 informational vendors and five food vendors encapsulated the perimeter and provided opportunities to enjoy snacks and small prizes.

#### Vendors –

- Amelia's Papery
- Dignity Memorial
- Operation Christmas Child/ Samaritan's Purse



- Children's Burn Foundation/ Grossman Burn Center
- Neighborhood Church
- USO Orange County
- YogaSix
- OC Regional Used Oil Recycling Program
- Aracelly Santana-Realtor
- Boulton Orthodontics
- Bredazzled Fashion and Accessories
- AT&T
- New York Life
- Wendy's
- OCFA
- City of Los Alamitos Development Services
- Office of State Senator Janet Nguyen
- Renewal by Anderson
- Los Alamitos Police Department
- City of Los Alamitos - Administration

#### Food Vendors –

- Tatay Ry's
- Coda's Kettle Korn
- Mexico Lindo
- Domino's Pizza
- Kona Ice of Cypress

MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach returned as a title sponsor in addition to CalOptima as the presenting sponsor and Renewal by Anderson as a community sponsor. Thanks to their generous contributions, events like Spring Carnival remain free and accessible to all. Despite the less than ideal weather conditions, approximately 400 to 500 guests in full rain gear braved the weather at Spring Carnival this year, including volunteer support from the Recreation Department's Los Alamitos Volunteer Program (L.A.V.P.). Community comments resonated with a grateful admiration for the Recreation Staff and their ability to persevere and provide a magical experience for families. Many parents commented that their child would always remember this particular year's Spring Carnival event of all the traditionally sunny weather egg hunts they have attended. One parent shared that even one week after the event, their child was still talking about the unforgettable experience of hunting for eggs in the rain. The event successfully provided a thrilling experience for all who attended, showcasing the



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community's resilient spirit and trust in the City's Recreation and Community Services Department to deliver a magical experience.

The Recreation & Community Services Department strives to continue providing safe and exciting events for all residents to gather. For more information about upcoming events and programs, please visit [www.cityoflosalamitos.org/recreation](http://www.cityoflosalamitos.org/recreation) or contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at (562) 430 – 1073.

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