

The Cerritos News



Cerritos celebrates 60th anniversary in April

Cerritos residents are invited to celebrate the City's 60th anniversary at the Community Spring Festival at the Cerritos Sports Complex from Friday, April 22 to Sunday, April 24. The festival will be held on Friday from 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday from noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. Entertainment will feature local talent and professional acts. Gourmet food trucks will provide specialty items for purchase.

Saturday highlights include a classic car display from noon to 4 p.m. and a local history booth showcasing Cerritos and Dairy Valley artifacts and historical memorabilia from 1 to 5 p.m. The Cerritos City Council will officially recognize the City's 60th anniversary at a formal ceremony to be held at 4:30 p.m. A fireworks show will commemorate the special occasion at 8:30 p.m.

The Spring Dance Recital will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission to the event is free, but there are nominal fees for certain attractions. Individual ride tickets are 50 cents each. All-day wristbands are available at Cerritos City Hall for a discounted price of \$25 if purchased by Thursday, April 21. Starting Friday, April 22, all-day wristbands cost \$30.

For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. If you are interested in volunteering for the festival, call Heritage Park by Friday, April 1 at (562) 916-8570. ■

Maintenance and landscape contracts approved

The Cerritos City Council recently approved several contracts to maintain arterial, center median, public landscape areas and trees.

Complete Landscape Care, Inc. of Whittier was awarded a \$374,440 contract for landscape and irrigation maintenance of the center medians and arterial planters.

Landcare of Santa Fe Springs received a \$320,800 contract for landscape and irrigation maintenance and freeway landscape.

A \$53,114 contract was awarded to Valley Crest Landscape Maintenance, Inc. of Anaheim to maintain landscape and irrigation at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and other City-owned property.

Each contract is for three years, with provisions for two one-year extensions.

A multi-year contract was also approved for Golden West Arbor Services Inc. of Pomona for City-wide tree-trimming and maintenance in the amount of \$1,162,400. ■

Get "In the Mood" for magic and more at the CCPA

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) fills the month of March with music and magic.

"In the Mood" kicks off the month on Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m. The spirited 1940s swing-era tribute features a big band orchestra, singers, dancers and tunes from icons of the time, including Artie Shaw, Duke Ellington and Benny Goodman.

Composer Rob Kapilow's "What Makes It Great?" presents "From Brigadoon to My Fair Lady: The Songs of Lerner and Loewe" on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. Soprano Amanda Squitieri and baritone Jonathan Estabrooks are also featured.

At 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, "Tribute to the Follies" salutes the Ziegfeld Follies, the Follies Bergere and the Palm Springs Follies. The lineup includes Tony Sandler (of the popular Sandler and Young singing duo), "America's Got Talent" winner Olate Dogs and world-champion comedy jugglers the Raspyni Brothers. Also appearing are musician-comedian Pete Barbutti, The Lindy Sisters vocal group, veteran showgirl Dorothy Kloss and singer-dancer Ken Prescott. The Follies Dance Troupe and Follies Orchestra also perform.

Commemorating its 60th anniversary, "It's Magic!" awes audiences with sleight-of-hand illusions, stage tricks and comedy and variety acts at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 13. The lineup consists of Michael Grandinetti, Kyle Knight & Mistie, Dana Daniels, Victor & Diamond and Mickey O'Connor.

With an exciting mix of contemporary world music and pulsating modern rhythms, the hip Barrage 8 has taken the music world by storm. Featuring all the instruments in the modern string family, the group presents an invigorating show on Friday, March 18 at 8 p.m.

With Cab Calloway's grandson C. Calloway Brooks at its helm, the Cab Calloway Orchestra delivers hot jazz, blues,

Frontier Communications has purchased Verizon's cable TV and landline phone operations

Verizon has informed the City of Cerritos that its landline telephone and FiOS cable television operations in the City have been purchased by Frontier Communications. Verizon also reported that according to Frontier Communications, transitioning customers' services and pricing will not change.

Verizon is sending notices about the sale of its operations to Frontier Communications to customers by postal mail, email and via bill messages through March 2016. Before the transfer, Frontier Communications will send transitioning customers via postal mail a Welcome Kit with information about their transition to Frontier. The company will also send these customers a follow-up email message with the information.

The transaction is expected to be completed after Thursday, March 31, 2016. At that time the company will begin operating under the name Frontier Communications. (Verizon Wireless customers and services are not affected by this transaction.)

The advance information that will be sent to customers by Verizon and Frontier Communications before Thursday, March 31 will address customers' questions leading up to and following the transition to Frontier. If, after reviewing these materials, a customer wishes to contact Verizon Customer Service prior to Thursday, March 31, the number to call is (800) VERIZON. After this date, these customers can contact Frontier Customer Service at (800) 921-8101.

An online FAQ (frequently asked questions) from Frontier is available for transitioning customers at MeetFrontier.com.

The sale of Verizon's landline telephone and FiOS cable television operations to Frontier Communications was reviewed and approved by the California Public Utilities Commission and the Federal Communications Commission. As the City does not hold a cable television or telephone franchise with Verizon, the City did not have regulatory authority over the transaction. The City also does not have the authority to regulate cable television or telephone rates. ■



Barrage 8 performs at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Friday, March 18 at 8 p.m.

boogie and swing, delighting crowds all over the country. The band appears with Alice Tan Ridley, who electrified the nation with her performance on "America's Got Talent," at the CCPA on Sunday, March 20 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are available at cerritoscenter.com or by calling (562) 916-8500. ■

Cerritos City Council widens ban on medical marijuana dispensaries

The Cerritos City Council recently expanded its existing ban against medical marijuana by prohibiting the cultivation and commercial delivery of medical marijuana within City limits. Medical marijuana dispensaries are also prohibited within the City of Cerritos.

Under the modifications, commercial deliveries of medical marijuana in the form of wholesalers, transporters and dispensaries are prohibited. ■

City's well to be rehabilitated

The Cerritos City Council recently approved rehabilitation and repairs for one of the City's wells.

General Pump Company, which has been maintaining the City's wells and water infrastructure, was awarded a \$423,434 contract to repair and rehabilitate Well C-2, which provides about a third of the water pumped by the City. The work is underway and is expected to be completed in April. Water customers will not be affected.

The project consists of removing the motor, column pipe, drive shaft and pump. The casing will also be examined to see if it needs to be replaced, repaired or modified.

The well, located at the Corporate Yard, is approximately 45 years old and was last rehabilitated in 2004. ■

Reset your clocks on March 13

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 13. When you set your clocks forward one hour, remember to also check the batteries in your smoke alarms. In addition, check to make sure that the smoke alarm is working. (A typical smoke alarm has a life span of approximately 10 years.) A properly functioning smoke alarm can greatly reduce your risk of dying or being injured in a fire. ■

City Council Recap

City Council/Successor Agency meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at City Hall. For details, call the City Clerk's Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (562) 916-1248.

December 10, 2015

- Adopted Ordinance No. 1000 granting to SFPP, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, a franchise to install, operate, maintain, replace, abandon in place and/or remove pipelines for the transportation of oil, gas, petroleum, liquid hydrocarbon products and other substances in, under, along and across certain public streets, as set forth in said ordinance within the City of Cerritos.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 1001 amending Ordinance No. 802 to transfer a pipeline franchise originally granted to Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline Partners, L.P. to SFPP, L.P.
- Awarded a contract for roof replacement design services at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts to Plump Engineering Inc./D7 Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$43,498; and
- Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute any contract modifications that may be necessary to complete the specified scope of work.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2015-30 approving the submittal of an application for a grant from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Liberty Park annex exterior improvements.
- Authorized the City Manager/Executive Director to execute the document(s) to facilitate, acknowledge and consent to the transfer of the ground lease (APN No. 7030-011-012) of the commercial component of Arden Realty Limited Partnership, a Maryland limited partnership, to BRE Cerritos Officer Owner LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Blackstone Real Estate, in such form as the City Manager shall deem appropriate, including any estoppel certificates, assignment consent or related implementing documentation required to appropriate in connection with completion of such assignment.

- Directed staff to provide a memorandum with a five-year incremental statistic breakdown on the average daily traffic counts and collisions (separating out rear end collisions versus regular collisions) at City red light camera intersections (Artesia/Bloomfield and Gridley/South streets).
- Directed the Cerritos Planning Commission to conduct a study session to determine if additional garage parking should be required for large residential additions and to report said findings to the City Council for consideration and subsequent direction.
- Directed staff to conduct a citywide comprehensive study on the condition of street and median signs, and include the necessary replacement expenditures in the upcoming 2016-2017 City budget.
- Adjourned in memory of Richard Jerome Coleman.

January 14, 2016

- Continued the review and consideration of an award of a contract for maintenance of Cerritos arterial, center median and additional public landscaped areas, Bid No. 1231-16, to the meeting of January 28, 2016.
- Authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Central Basin Municipal Water District, subject to agreement language review and approval by the City Attorney, for the preparation of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan in the amount of \$27,820.
- The Cerritos City Council received and filed the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 City of Cerritos Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; and
- The Successor Agency to the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency received and filed the Basic Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for the Successor Agency to the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency.
- Rejected all bids for the supply of 5/8-inch x 3/4-inch positive displacement magnetically driven water meters, Bid No. 1229-16, and authorized the re-advertisement of this bid request.
- Directed staff to place an item on the upcoming agenda regarding the City's continued participation in the SELACO WIB.

Minimize attraction of outdoor pests

While Los Angeles County Vector Control reports that Cerritos has one of the lowest numbers of pest complaints, outdoor animals such as rats, opossums and raccoons are occasionally seen within the city. To help residents better understand these animals and minimize their exposure to these pests and the fleas they carry, the City offers the following facts and tips.

Outdoor pests can be found in many residential areas where natural foliage provides them with an ideal place to live and make their homes. Fruit, avocado and nut trees provide an excellent source of food. If a rodent is seeking shelter, it can easily enter a home by climbing adjacent trees, gnawing through wood siding and partitions or crawling through even the smallest holes or vents.

Rodents live in burrows or holes in the earth, and also above ground. They will hide in attics, basements or other buildings on your property, in addition to piles of trash or wood. Trees and dense shrubbery also act as nesting sites.

Practice safe flea control and do not allow pets to roam freely where they can come into contact with infected fleas. When purchasing pesticides to treat yards and homes, use only materials which state "fleas" on the label and follow all label directions carefully.

Signs to look for

Signs that outdoor pests may be nesting on your property include:

- Seeing them – in trees or on wires and fences. Rats are usually less than a foot long and are dark gray, black or brown in color. Opossums are typically the size of a house cat and have coarse, gray hair, a white snout and a long pointed muzzle with many teeth. Opossums are most active at night, usually scavenging for food.
- Droppings – found most often around the animal's nesting sites, runways or feeding areas.
- Noise – thumping, scraping or squealing in walls or attics.
- Damage – gnaw marks on fruit or branches. Also, inspect for chewed wood, cloth, paper or bags.
- Smudges – black marks on exposed runway surfaces made when a rat rubs its dirty fur against a structure.
- Tracks – five-toed and up to one inch in length.

Getting rid of them

Aside from unnerving residents, outdoor pests can become nuisances by chewing through wiring, rummaging through garbage and carrying disease. A qualified exterminator can take care of rat problems, or the pests can be trapped with poison or other bait. Opossums must be trapped. Residents may borrow a trap free for up to seven days, with a \$100 refundable deposit, by calling Long Beach Animal Care Services at (562) 570-7387. The City contracts with Long Beach Animal Care Services for all animal-related services. An animal control officer will pick up the opossum once it has been trapped. Do not attempt to capture and relocate animals to other areas. This practice violates California Fish and Game laws, spreads disease and is considered inhumane.

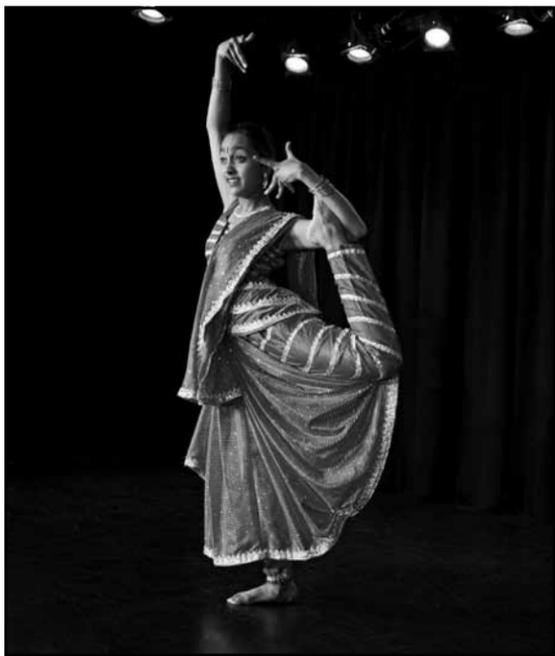
If you catch an opossum in your yard that has not been trapped, do not corner it or attempt to pick it up. Instead, try to scare it away with a flashlight or loud noise. Opossums often play dead when startled. Leave it alone and it will eventually scurry away.

Tips to minimize exposure

The following tips can help keep outdoor pests away from your home:

- Keep ivy, shrubs and other ground cover trimmed back.
- Don't leave anything in your yard overnight that could serve as food or water for rats and opossums, including pet food, water dishes or birdseed.
- Pick up pet droppings regularly from your yard.
- Use plastic garbage bags and close the lid tightly on outdoor trash cans.
- Seal or cover all possible entrance holes in your home measuring one-quarter inch or more in size.
- Keep any woodpiles at least 18 inches above the ground.
- Pick up any fruits and vegetables that have fallen from backyard trees or plants.
- Consider removing fruit trees or plants that attract outdoor animals.
- When cleaning nesting areas, spray the area with disinfectant and wear protective equipment such as a particle mask or respirator, goggles and gloves.

If you need help with rodent problems, call the Los Angeles County Environmental Health Division at (626) 430-5450. For problems with insects such as mosquitos, call the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at (562) 944-9656. ■



A Cerritos resident performs at the Cerritos Resident Talent Show at Cerritos Park East. This year's talent show will take place Saturday, April 9 at 6 p.m.

Cerritos Resident Talent Show features music and dance

Cerritos residents are invited to attend the annual citywide Talent Show on Saturday, April 9 at 6 p.m. at Cerritos Park East. The show will feature Cerritos residents, age 4 and older, in singing, dancing and musical performances.

Seating for the show will be on a first-come, first-served basis, and the doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Admission to the show is \$1 per person.

Auditions will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at Cerritos Park East on Sunday, February 28 and Saturday, March 5. Qualifying acts will be notified by Wednesday, March 16 and must be present for the full dress rehearsal at Cerritos Park East at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 8.

For more information, call Cerritos Park East at (562) 407-2611. ■

Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts main stage to be resurfaced

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$184,700 contract to Petra CPS of Placentia for the resurfacing of the main stage at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

The project includes resurfacing the main stage, the main theater floor and seating storage areas. The project also includes repairing the seismic anchors for the storage of the theater's movable towers and relocating the anchors to maximize the main stage's usability.

The work will be completed in June when the theater is closed for maintenance. ■

Technician Level ham radio class offered

Have you always wanted to become a ham radio operator? Are you interested in learning disaster communications? A two-day Amateur Radio Technical Level class will be offered at the Cerritos Sheriff's Station from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20.

The course prepares students for the technician level exam. It includes theories, demonstrations, hands-on activities, videos and lecture.

There is a \$75 course fee. An additional \$14 test fee applies to each FCC exam. The test will be administered on Sunday during class time. Test results will be available immediately.

Class size is limited to 25 people. In order to receive course materials in advance, pre-registration is mandatory. To successfully complete the class, home study (including pre-class homework) is required.

For more information, visit cerritosradio.org, contact markchung@cerritosradio.org or call (562) 708-3893. To register for the class, call the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266. ■

City water conservation regulations still in effect

In response to California Governor Jerry Brown's mandate calling for a statewide reduction in water usage, the Cerritos City Council adopted a resolution requiring water conservation measures to reduce water usage by 28 percent in Cerritos. These measures expand upon the water conservation measures required in a resolution that was adopted in August 2014.

Except when necessary to address an immediate health or safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency, the resolution prohibits the following:

- The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots or structures. Water runoff is defined as water accumulation sufficient to cause a flow of water off of landscaped areas;
- Use of potable water for irrigation during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation;
- The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except when the hose is equipped with a shut-off nozzle;
- The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks; and
- The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, unless the water is part of a recirculating system.

Residential and commercial landscape areas are to be watered between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. for no more than 10 minutes per station. Watering is limited to two times per week during the months of June through September, and one time per week during the months of October through May.

Landscape irrigation for commercial nurseries and growers, fire and erosion protection, the protection of endangered

species, environmental mitigation projects and properties using reclaimed water are exempt from this provision. Also exempt are watering using a handheld container or a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle, and the use of an irrigation system for short durations to make repairs. Use of a drip irrigation system is permissible.

Violation of the regulations is subject to a fine of up to \$500 per day. The emergency water conservation regulations will remain in effect until the state mandated restrictions expire, at which time the Cerritos City Council will review the water supply conditions to determine the need for continued mandatory conservation measures.

Additional water conservation tips follow:

- Fix broken sprinklers immediately.
- Landscape with drought-tolerant plants.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees to retain moisture.
- Take shorter showers.
- Run only full loads in clothes washers and dishwashers.
- Install an aerator on the kitchen faucet to reduce flow.
- Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator.
- Don't leave water running when washing dishes, brushing teeth or shaving.
- Fix leaking faucets and save 20 gallons of water per day.
- Wash produce in the sink or a pan that is partially filled with water instead of running water from the tap.
- Avoid flushing toilets unnecessarily; dispose of tissues, insects and other similar waste in the trash instead.
- When cleaning a fish tank, use the drained water on plants. The water is rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, providing a free and effective fertilizer.

For information on California's drought and more tips on how to save water, visit ca.gov/drought. ■



The City uses recycled water to irrigate numerous properties and landscaped areas in Cerritos.

City saves drinking water by irrigating with recycled water

Committed to the preservation of the environment and faced with ongoing water shortages in California, the City of Cerritos has taken steps to conserve natural resources through a recycled-water distribution system. Cerritos irrigates more than 200 acres of City-owned property – including most parks, parkways, decorative fountains and medians – with recycled water.

The use of recycled water saves about 815 million gallons of potable drinking water annually and is billed monthly at about half the cost of drinking water. In addition to being used on City-owned property, the recycled water is used to irrigate schools, a county park, a City of Lakewood Park, a cemetery, freeway landscaping and some privately owned landscaped areas. Originating from industries, businesses and homes, the waste water is treated by a three-stage process by the Sanitation District before being used for irrigation.

For more information about the City's recycled water system or water conservation, call the Water Division at (562) 916-1223. ■

Arbor Week poster contest entries sought

In honor of Arbor Week, the City of Cerritos is hosting an art poster contest with the theme "If Trees Could Talk." The contest is open to City residents ages 5 to 14 and students of schools in the ABC Unified School District or Valley Christian Schools.

Submitted entries must be original artwork, no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches, and may feature any drawing or painting materials (pencils, chalks, pastels, crayons, watercolors and/or acrylics). Do not mat, mount or frame the posters.

Include the artist's name, age, address and phone number on the back of the poster or use the official entry form. Entries must be submitted to the Recreation Services Division at Cerritos City Hall no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13.

The winning posters and a selection from each age group will be displayed at the Community Spring Festival on Saturday, April 23 at the Cerritos Sports Complex. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

Free bulky item and electronic waste pickup available for residents

The City's trash hauler, CalMet Services, Inc., offers free bulky item and electronic waste pickups.

Bulky items are large items that will not fit into the trash and recycling containers. These include household appliances, mattresses, furniture and miscellaneous bulky items such as metal pipes, wood and carpet. Miscellaneous bulky items must be cut to four feet in length and bundled with string, and may not exceed a weight of 50 pounds. Pickup is also available for additional bagged or bundled waste and green waste that will not fit into the trash or recycling containers.

Electronic waste, such as computers, monitors, televisions and cell phones, can also be scheduled for curbside pickup. (Cell phones should be placed in a box on the curb.)

To schedule a bulky item or electronic waste pickup, call CalMet's Customer Services Department at (562) 259-1239 at least 24 hours prior to your regular trash service day. Specify

what types of items are to be removed. CalMet requests that each bulky item or electronic waste pickup not exceed five items. Residents who schedule a bulky item or electronic waste pickup should place the items at the curb no earlier than sunset the night prior to the regular trash collection day and no later than 7 a.m. on the morning of the scheduled pickup.

Items not eligible for bulky item pickup include construction material, tires, car and boat parts and other hazardous waste. Hazardous waste can be dropped off at a household hazardous waste roundup. To find an upcoming household hazardous roundup event, call (888) CLEAN-LA or visit cleanla.com.

Before scheduling a bulky-item or electronic waste pickup, consider donating usable goods to charity. Call Goodwill industries at (800) GOODWILL or the Salvation Army at (800) 95-TRUCK to donate items. ■

TV3 Schedule: March

City Council and Commission Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meetings

7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, March 11 and 9 a.m. on Monday, March 14

7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16 (live): Mayoral Transition

7 p.m. on Thursday, March 24 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, March 25 and 9 a.m. on Monday, March 28

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, March 4 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, March 3 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Monday, March 7 and 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8

Fine Arts and Historical Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, March 17 (live), rebroadcasts: 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22 and 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 24

Program Highlights

Mystery on the Menu 2016

7 p.m. on Monday, March 28; 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 31

Author Showcase: Erika Lee

7 p.m. on Friday, March 4 and 7 p.m. on Monday, March 21

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy in Concert at the CCPA

7 p.m. on Sunday, March 13

The Mighty Clouds of Joy in Concert at the CCPA

5 p.m. on Sunday, March 27

Cerritos Recycles

9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2 and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 4

For Cerritos TV3 schedule and streaming video, visit: cerritos.us/RESIDENTS/tv3.php

Calendar of Events

- February 27 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on March 5, 12, 19 and 26.
- February 28 • **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 7 a.m.-noon, Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on February 28, March 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 and 26. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.
- February 29 • **Cerritos Resident Talent Show auditions**, noon-4 p.m., Cerritos Park East.
- February 29 • **Rotary Club of Cerritos**, noon, HomeTown Buffet, 11471 South Street, Cerritos. Also on March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Contact Sharun Carlson at (562) 404-1993.
- March 1 • **Iron-Wood Women's Golf Club** plays, 7:30 a.m., Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course. Also on March 8, 15, 22 and 29. Contact Sharon Hamel at (562) 598-6165.
- March 1 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 8, 15, 22 and 29. Contact Emma Tung at (562) 924-8730.
- March 1 • **Classic Estates Toastmaster Club**, 6 p.m., Century 21 Classic Estates, 13217 South Street. Also on March 8, 15, 22 and 29. The public is invited to attend. Contact Soledad Almarinez at (562) 865-2922 for more information.
- March 1 • **Soulful Seniors of Cerritos**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Louida Shaw at (562) 412-7448.
- March 1 • **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 8, 15 and 22. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- March 2 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- March 2 • **Cerritos Cheerful Chatters Toastmasters Club**, noon, SELACO Workforce Investment Board, 10900 E. 183rd Street, 3rd Floor, Cerritos. Visitors welcome. Also on March 9, 16, 23 and 30. Contact Larry Lee at (562) 402-9336.
- March 2 • **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Also on March 19, 10 a.m. Contact Dorothy Owen at (562) 926-1092.
- March 2 • **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 6-10 p.m., Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on March 9, 16, 23 and 30. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.
- March 2 • **Toastmasters International Club 3828: Eclectic Dialectics**, 7:30 p.m., Vintage Cerritos, 11000 New Falcon Way, Cerritos. Also on March 9, 16, 23 and 30. Contact Pat Lozano or Nick Kim at (562) 281-7332.
- March 3 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- March 3 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Off Street Café, 11020 Artesia Blvd. Also on March 10 and 24. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.
- March 3 • **Happy Seniors of Cerritos Association**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 17. Contact Emma Chupinghong at (562) 400-1075.
- March 3 • **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 10, 17, 24 and 31. Contact Jashbhai Patel at (562) 219-0770.
- March 3 • **Fil-AM Seniors of Cerritos**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 17. Contact Flor Carlos at (562) 879-9880.
- March 3 • **Formosa Senior Association**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 10, 17, 24 and 31. Contact Chai Tsuan Liang at (562) 382-7769.
- March 4 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 11, 18 and 25. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- March 4 • **Southern California Philippine U.S. Veterans Association**, 7:30 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Pedro Dionisio at (562) 881-3480.
- March 5 • **Cerritos Resident Talent Show auditions**, noon-4 p.m., Cerritos Park East.
- March 5 • **Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation** free tax preparation through Saturday, April 9, Norwalk Social Service Center, 11929 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. To make an appointment, call (562) 929-5961.
- March 8 • **Cerritos-Artesia Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1846**, 6:30 p.m., Heritage Park. Also on March 22. Contact Jeffrey Enomoto at (714) 292-2985.
- March 8 • **Cerritos Republican Club**, 7 p.m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Matt Kauble at (562) 743-1855, or visit the website at cerritos-republican.org.
- March 8 • **Volunteer attorneys** provide free basic legal advice and referrals for Cerritos residents, 7-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 22. Call (562) 865-8101 for an appointment.
- March 9 • **Community Safety Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- March 9 • **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m., Coco's, 11510 E. South Street, Cerritos. Also on March 23. Contact Pat Law at (562) 924-6222.
- March 9 • **Cerritos Rod & Gun Club**, 7 p.m., Heritage Park. Contact Mike Van Scoy at (562) 926-4392.
- March 10 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- March 10 • **Cerritos Senior Dance Club**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 24. Contact Juanita Cantano at (562) 926-2912.
- March 13 • **Daylight Saving Time begins**
- March 13 • **'Ahaui 'O Lili'uokalani Hawaiian Civic Club of Southern California**, 10 a.m., John Jensen residence. Contact John Jensen at (562) 926-2286 for more information.
- March 14 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 21 and 28. Contact Josie Garcia at (562) 926-1225.
- March 15 • **ABC School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos.
- March 16 • **Mayoral Transition**, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- March 16 • **Veterans Workshop Seminars**, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., SELACO Workforce Investment Board, 10900 E. 183rd Street, #392 (3rd Floor), Cerritos. Also on March 22 at the Employment Development Department, 12715 S. Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk. For more information, please call (562) 929-9107.
- March 17 • **St. Patrick's Day**
- March 17 • **Fine Arts and Historical Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- March 17 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 p.m., Café n' Stuff, 9306 E. Firestone Blvd., Downey. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.
- March 17 • **American Association of University Women**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Mary Ann Quinn at (562) 924-1888.
- March 20 • **Palm Sunday**
- March 21 • **Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club**, 7 p.m., Coco's, 11510 E. South Street, Cerritos. Contact Tina Cho at (562) 822-5950 or hhdemocrat@gmail.com.
- March 23 • **Let Freedom Ring Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- March 24 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- March 24 • **Philippine Society of Southeast Los Angeles**, 7 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Nimfa Castro at (562) 822-3633.
- March 25 • **Good Friday**
- March 26 • **Easter Egg Hunts**, 10 a.m., Cerritos Regional Park.
- March 27 • **Easter Sunday**
- March 27 • **Library closed**
- March 29 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

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The City's annual Easter Egg Hunts will be held on Saturday, March 26.

Youngsters invited to Easter Egg Hunts

Children ages 18 months to 10 years old are invited to participate in the City's Easter Egg Hunts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 26 at Cerritos Regional Park. Children can search for colorful, surprise-filled eggs in designated areas according to the following age groups: 18 months to 2 years, 3 to 4 years, 5 to 7 years and 8 to 10 years.

Adults are encouraged to accompany children ages 2 and younger on their hunt. Children should bring a basket to carry their goodies.

The free event will also feature jumpers, games and a craft area. Light snacks and beverages will be available for a nominal fee. For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

Earth Day event offers family fun

Cerritos residents are invited to attend the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 9. The free event offers fun and educational activities for all ages and will be held at the Sanitation Districts parking lot at 1955 Workman Mill Road in Whittier.

The celebration will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and features water reclamation plant tours, Earth-friendly arts and crafts, face-painting and music and dance performances. More than 50 exhibitors will provide information and demonstrations on ways to help protect the planet. Guests are encouraged to bring used shoes to donate to Soles4Souls.

For more information, visit lacsdc.org or call (562) 908-4288, extension 2311. ■

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