

# The Cerritos News

## Cerritos City Council reorganizes

George Ray was selected as mayor of Cerritos and Naresh Solanki as mayor pro tem by their colleagues during the City Council's annual reorganization meeting and mayoral transition on March 16.

Mayor Ray was elected to the Cerritos City Council in 2013. He previously served as a Cerritos Planning Commissioner, Cerritos Fine Arts and Historical Commissioner and on the Board of Directors for the Friends of Arts Education at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. A Cerritos resident since 1969, he was also a member of the Los Angeles County Parks Commission.

Mayor Ray serves on the City Council's Budget/Finance, Performing Arts, Personnel and Auto Mall committees. He is the delegate to the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Sanitation Districts 2, 3, 18 and 19/Waste Management.

A resident of Cerritos since 1988, Mayor Pro Tem Solanki was elected to the City Council in 2015. A grocery store chain owner, Solanki served on the Planning Commission for eight years. He is a member of the City Council's Budget/Finance, Performing Arts, Personnel, Business and Industry and Senior Services/Senior Center committees. He serves as the Council's delegate to the Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority and the SELACO Workforce Development Board – Policy Board. Solanki is the alternate delegate to the California Contract Cities Association, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments – 91/605/405 Corridor Cities Committee, Sanitation Districts 2, 3, 18 & 19/Waste Management and the Southern California Association of Governments.

Mayor Pro Tem Solanki is active in the Cerritos Chamber of Commerce, the Cerritos Optimist Club and Blind Start of America.

Outgoing Mayor Carol K. Chen was honored at the meeting for her many contributions to the community during her term. Chen was elected to the City Council in June 2008, re-elected in March 2009, and served as mayor of Cerritos from 2011–2012. She was re-elected to the City Council in 2013 and became mayor again in 2015. She is a member of the City Council's Performing Arts, County Health Department/Health Insurance and Legislative committees.

Jim Edwards was elected to the Cerritos City Council in 2005. He was re-elected in 2009 and served as mayor from 2008–2009 and 2012–2013. Edwards was elected to the City Council again in 2015. A Cerritos resident for more than 35 years, he was a Cerritos Parks and Recreation Commissioner and a Cerritos Community Safety Committee Member. Active in the Cerritos Optimist Club and Vietnam Veterans Association, Edwards is a retired ABC Unified School District teacher. He is a Council liaison to the ABC Unified School District and the Council liaison to the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the City's Performing Arts and Parks and Recreation committees.

Mark E. Pulido was elected to the Cerritos City Council in 2011 and served as mayor from 2014–2015. He was re-elected to the City Council in 2015. He served on the ABC Unified School District Board from 2001–2011, including a term as board president in 2007–2008. Pulido serves on the City's Performing Arts and Library committees and is a Council liaison to the ABC Unified School District and the Council liaison to Cerritos Community College.

For more information about the City Council reorganization, call the City Clerk's Office at (562) 916-1248. ■

## Rabies clinics to be held

The City of Cerritos will hold two low-cost rabies clinics for dogs and cats in Shelter 1 at Cerritos Park East from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21 and Wednesday, July 27. The clinics are sponsored by Long Beach Animal Care Services and Artesia Animal Hospital, in cooperation with the City of Cerritos' Community Safety and Community Participation divisions. More information will be provided in the June and July issues of "The Cerritos News." ■

## CCPA offers 2016-2017 Season sneak peek

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) will welcome a new Broadway performance partner as part of the upcoming 2016-2017 Season. 3-D Theatricals has built a reputation for producing Broadway-caliber musicals. The 2016-2017 Season productions will include "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Once on This Island," "Oklahoma" and "Spamalot."

The CCPA 2016-2017 Season will also feature such outstanding performers as Kristin Chenoweth, The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain "Holiday Show," Russian National Ballet Theatre "Sleeping Beauty" and "The Summit." The Manhattan Transfer Meets Take 6. The 2016-2017 Season Brochure will be available, and ticket orders can be placed, in June. ■

## City's Memorial Day Ceremony set for May 30

The City of Cerritos invites the community to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30 at 10 a.m. near the Cerritos Veterans Memorial in the Cerritos Civic Center.

The Memorial Day Ceremony will begin with prelude music by the 40th Infantry Division Band stationed at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base at 9:45 a.m. The ceremony will include a presentation of colors, comments by the City Council, laying of wreaths and a moment of silence. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

At the event, the Friends of the 1st CEB will be collecting donations of granola bars, beef jerky, mints and individual-sized powdered drink mixes for care packages to be sent to marines deployed overseas. New, unopened packages of wet wipes in packs of 20 also will be collected.

For more information, contact the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101. ■

## City facilities to observe Memorial Day

Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Library, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, the Community Gymnasiums at Cerritos and Whitney high schools and the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Other City park facilities' hours will not be affected, and are as follows: Community Centers: 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course: 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Cerritos Sports Complex: 2 to 8 p.m.; Cerritos Olympic Swim Center recreational swim: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and adult lap swim: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be no trash collection or street sweeping on Monday, May 30, and schedules will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week through Saturday. ■

## City parks to be upgraded

The Cerritos City Council has approved new playground improvements and equipment for Bettencourt Park, Jacob Park and Liberty Park. WCCR Construction of Ontario was awarded a \$372,000 contract to perform the work.

The playgrounds will get new climbers, interactive elements, slides and swings. The contract also includes new playground surfacing at Bettencourt and Liberty parks.

Liberty Park's racquetball court will be refurbished and the concrete furnishings at its North Shelter will be repainted. A starburst color palette of blue and gray tones was chosen for Bettencourt Park. Jacob Park's color scheme will be an ocean-blue hue. Liberty Park's playground will be in various shades of blue.

The work is currently under way and is expected to be completed in early June. ■

## 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.

### February 11, 2016

- Adopted Ordinance No. 1002 amending Chapter 9.100 and Section 22.40.300 of the Cerritos Municipal Code relating to the cultivation and delivery of marijuana and medical marijuana, herein referenced as Development Code Amendment 2016-1.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-02 approving Precise Plan 83-1(E) (2016) Amendment, a proposal by property owner Conant Properties, LP (Norm Reeves Honda) for additions to the existing showroom building; an extension to the service canopy; a remodel of the interior and exterior of the existing general office and showroom building; and refurbishment of existing landscaping throughout the property located at 18500 Studebaker Road. The subject property is zoned Development Area Five (APN No. 7038-013-014).
- Authorized staff to finalize the terms and execute the museum agreement, substantially in the form provided as attached to the agenda report and subject to City Attorney approval, between the City of Cerritos, the Arthur and Antonia Astor Family Foundation and Astor Classics, LLC, for the development and operation of the proposed museum; and
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-03 approving Public Referral Project 2016-1, a proposal by the City of Cerritos to make necessary interior and exterior improvements to the existing building located at 12616 183rd Street to facilitate the conversion of said building to a museum use (APN No. 7030-002-0902).
- Approved CalMet Services' request to adjust the maximum rate schedule for solid waste services in the City of Cerritos by the following amounts effective January 1, 2016:

Residential:	1.4% increase
Commercial Bin:	0.7% increase
Roll-off:	1.1% increase
- Approved the design of the new Cerritos Neighborhood Watch signs and directed staff to purchase the new signs.
- Authorized staff to issue a request for quotation (RFQ) for system integrators; and
- Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute a change order in the amount of \$34,080 as an addition to the professional services agreement with Arcadis to assist the City with the request for the RFQ process for the construction of a SCADA system update; and
- Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute any design-related change orders.
- Adjourned in memory of Bob Cameron and Maria Erlinda Co Sarno.

### February 25, 2016

- Authorized staff to finalize the City of Cerritos Hazard Mitigation Plan draft and submit it to the California Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute, acknowledge and consent to the sale of the subject property located at 13043 166th Street in Cerritos, in such form as the City Manager shall deem appropriate, including the Letter of Intent, a purchase and sale agreement and all related escrow documents required or appropriate in connection with the completion of the sales transaction.
- Approved the staff recommended modifications to the City Wide Pride Program as follows:
  1. Nomination Process: a. Eliminate the seven judging areas and open nominations to the general public;

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# Calendar of Events

- April 22 • **Community Spring Festival Celebrating the City's 60th Anniversary**, 5 p.m., Sports Complex. Also on April 23 and 24, noon.
- April 23 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 29, May 6, 13, 20 and 27. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- April 23 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on May 7, 14, 21 and 28.
- April 24 • **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 7 a.m.-noon, Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on April 24, 30, May 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.
- April 24 • **60th Anniversary of the City's Incorporation**
- April 25 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 9, 16 and 23. Contact Josie Garcia at (562) 926-1225.
- April 25 • **Rotary Club of Cerritos**, noon, HomeTown Buffet, 11471 South Street, Cerritos. Also on May 2, 9, 16 and 23. Contact Sharun Carlson at (562) 404-1993.
- April 26 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers. Also on May 31.
- April 26 • **Iron-Wood Women's Golf Club** plays, 7:30 a.m., Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course. Also on May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Contact Sharon Hamel at (562) 598-6165.
- April 26 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Contact Emma Tung at (562) 924-8730.
- April 26 • **Classic Estates Toastmaster Club**, 6 p.m., Century 21 Classic Estates, 13217 South Street. Also on May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. The public is invited to attend. Contact Soledad Almarinez at (562) 865-2922 for more information.
- April 26 • **Cerritos-Artesia Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1846**, 6:30 p.m., Heritage Park. Also on May 10 and 24. Contact Jeffrey Enomoto at (714) 292-2985.
- April 26 • **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- April 26 • **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 May 10 and 24. Call (562) 865-8101 for an appointment.
- April 27 • **Cerritos Cheerful Chatters Toastmasters Club**, noon, SELACO Workforce Investment Board, 10900 E. 183rd Street, 3rd Floor, Cerritos. Visitors welcome. Also on May 4, 11, 18 and 25. Contact Larry Lee at (562) 402-9336.
- April 27 • **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 6-10 p.m., Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on May 4, 11, 18 and 25. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.
- April 27 • **Toastmasters International Club 3828: Eclectic Dialectics**, 7:30 p.m., Vintage Cerritos, 11000 New Falcon Way, Cerritos. Also on May 4, 11, 18 and 25. Contact Pat Lozano or Nick Kim at (562) 281-7332.
- April 28 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- April 28 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Off Street Café, 11020 Artesia Blvd. Also on May 5, 12 and 26. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.
- April 28 • **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 5, 12, 19 and 26. Contact Jashbhai Patel at (562) 219-0770.
- April 28 • **Cerritos Senior Dance Club**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 12 and 26. Contact Juanita Cantano at (562) 926-2912.
- April 28 • **Formosa Senior Association**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 5, 12, 19 and 26. Contact Chai Tsuan Liang at (562) 382-7769.
- April 28 • **Philippine Society of Southeast Los Angeles**, 7 p.m., Liberty Park. Also on May 26. Contact Nimfa Castro at (562) 822-3633.
- April 29 • **National Arbor Day**
- May 2 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- May 3 • **Soulful Seniors of Cerritos**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Louida Shaw at (562) 412-7448.
- May 3 • **ABC School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos. Also on May 17.
- May 4 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- May 4 • **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Also on May 21, 10 a.m. Contact Dorothy Owen at (562) 926-1092.
- May 5 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- May 5 • **Happy Seniors of Cerritos Association**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 19. Contact Emma Chupinghong at (562) 400-1075.
- May 5 • **Fil-AM Seniors of Cerritos**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 19. Contact Flor Carlos at (562) 879-9880.
- May 6 • **Southern California Philippine U.S. Veterans Association**, 7:30 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Pedro Dionisio at (562) 881-3480.
- May 7 • **Recreation Services Youth Soccer** registration, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sports Complex. Also on May 11, 4-8 p.m. and May 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- May 8 • **Mother's Day**
- May 9 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- May 10 • **Economic Development Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- May 10 • **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](http://cerritos-republican.org).
- May 11 • **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m., Coco's, 11510 E. South Street, Cerritos. Also on May 25. Contact Pat Law at (562) 924-6222.
- May 11 • **Cerritos Rod & Gun Club**, 7 p.m., Heritage Park. Contact Mike Van Scoy at (562) 926-4392.
- May 12 • **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Joanne Witt at (562) 860-2036 or Marilyn McGorman at (562) 860-8944.
- May 15 • **National Public Works Week**
- May 16 • **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](mailto:hhdemocrat@gmail.com).
- May 18 • **Community Safety Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- May 18 • **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 May 24 at the Employment Development Department, 12715 S. Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk. For more information, please call (562) 929-9107.
- May 19 • **Fine Arts and Historical Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- May 19 • **American Association of University Women**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., University of Phoenix, 6 Center Pointe Drive, Room 225, La Palma. Contact Mary Ann Quinn at (562) 924-1888.
- May 19 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 p.m., Café n' Stuff, 9306 E. Firestone Blvd., Downey. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.
- May 21 • **Armed Forces Day**
- May 21 • **Family Fun Day and Aquatics Safety Expo**, 1 p.m., Cerritos Olympic Swim & Fitness Center.
- May 25 • **Let Freedom Ring Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- May 26 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- May 28 • **Recreation Services Summer Basketball League** registration, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sports Complex. Also on June 1.
- May 30 • **Memorial Day**
- May 30 • **City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Library, Senior Center and CCPA Ticket Office closed**
- May 30 • **Memorial Day Ceremony**, 10 a.m., Civic Center.

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# City Council Recap

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- and b. Accept nominations by form entry and digital photograph to the City web page, GoRequest smartphone application or by calling the Code Enforcement Department; and c. Accept Code Enforcement personnel nominations; and d. Accept only nominated properties free of code violations; and e. Publish photographs on the City website with permission of the homeowner/caretaker.
2. Recognition: a. Recognize five to 10 homeowners per month at the Property Preservation Commission meeting and post to the City website; and b. Nominated properties can only be recognized once a year; and c. Acknowledge City Wide Pride homeowners with a letter from the City Council.
- Authorized the use of available funds originally allocated for the Cerritos Park East facility renovations and Bet-tencourt playground surfacing for Project No. 12797, Cerritos Park East track resurfacing; and
  - Awarded a contract in the amount of \$136,990 for Cerritos Park East rubberized track resurfacing, Project No. 12797, Bid No. 1219-16, to Beynon Sports Surfaces, Inc.; and
  - Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute any project-related change orders.
  - Directed the City Manager to execute the "Deed of Gift" on behalf of the City of Cerritos for a public artwork donation from Coreland Companies, as agent for Cerritos Plaza LLC.
  - Adopted the Parks and Recreation Commission's sand volleyball court reservation process as detailed in the agenda report.

## March 10, 2016

- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$332,431 for city-wide playground equipment and improvements, Project No. 10073, Bid No. 1239-16, to WCCR Construction; and
- Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute any project-related change orders; and
- Authorized staff to negotiate with WCCR Construction for additional playground improvements with available budgeted funds for a total project cost not to exceed \$372,000.
- Rejected all bids for the installation of playground surfacing at Jacob Park, East and West, Project No. 10074, Bid No. 1234-16, and authorized staff to re-advertise the project.
- Received and filed an informational report on the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Strategic Transportation Plan.
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$42.52 per unit for a three-year term for the annual supply of 5/8 x 3/4 inch positive displacement water meters magnetically driven, Bid No. 1235-16, to Zenner USA.
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$29,521.56 for the supply and installation of three rotary gas meters and related hardware for three engines located at 16540 Marquardt Avenue in Cerritos with a one-year warranty term, Bid No. 1236-16, to Don Peterson Construction Inc.

## Relay for Life participants sought

The American Cancer Society will hold its annual Relay for Life of Cerritos/Artesia event on Saturday, June 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Liberty Park. The event honors cancer survivors, raises money to help end cancer and promotes how individuals can reduce their cancer risk.

The Relay for Life of Cerritos/Artesia will include an Opening Ceremony at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Survivors Lap at 10 a.m., a Caregivers Lap at 10:15 a.m. and a Luminaria Ceremony at 9 p.m. The event will conclude with a Closing Ceremony at 9:30 p.m.

One of the missions of this year's event is to support the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge program. There are 31 Hope Lodge communities across the country, which serve as places of comfort and provide lodging and support services for cancer patients and their caregivers.

To donate or participate in this year's event, or for more information about the Relay for Life of Cerritos/Artesia, visit [relayforlife.org/cerritosca](http://relayforlife.org/cerritosca). ■

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WORKS

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