

# The Cerritos News

## Cerritos Measure C placed on March 3, 2020 ballot

The City of Cerritos is committed to maintaining the essential services that protect local quality of life and property values. Top priorities include neighborhood safety patrols; keeping roads, parks and drinking water systems in good condition; and supporting youth and senior programs. These services ensure the community continues to be a great place to live, conduct business and raise a family.

Providing these services and programs is becoming more difficult due to financial challenges. Eight years of State of California takeaways totaling \$132 million in local taxpayer dollars have left the City of Cerritos with \$61 million in deferred maintenance. Additionally, the City has had to use reserve funds to maintain basic services.

While the City has diligently cut and deferred spending to make ends meet, it cannot continue to do so without either significantly affecting services or putting at risk the City's ability to quickly respond to an emergency or economic downturn.

In response to these State takeaways, the Cerritos City Council has placed Measure C, a ¾ cent local sales tax measure, on the March 3, 2020 ballot. Cerritos voters will decide whether the tax is the best strategy for the City or whether further service reductions and deferred

infrastructure maintenance is preferable.

If approved by Cerritos voters in March, Measure C will provide an estimated \$11.4 million annually in local funds to maintain local services including:

- Public safety services, including Sheriff's deputies and neighborhood patrols
- Youth and senior programs
- Street and tree maintenance
- Parks and park facilities
- Cerritos Library
- Cerritos Senior Center
- Drinking water and storm water systems

To maintain fiscal prudence and transparency, Measure C has been crafted with strict accountability requirements, including public disclosure of spending and reports to the community. Not a single penny of Measure C funds could be taken by the County of Los Angeles or the State.

The City encourages the community to educate itself and participate in the important upcoming local election. For more information on Measure C, visit [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us).

The Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters has made changes to the local ballots this year. To obtain information about the new ballot format and voting system, visit [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us). ■

## Vote in March 3, 2020 Cerritos General Municipal Election

The upcoming Cerritos General Municipal Election will be held on March 3, 2020. For information about the election, visit [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us) and click on the election banners or link.

Voter registration forms are available at Cerritos City Hall, the Cerritos Library, staffed City parks, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and at the Office of the City Clerk/Elections Official.

Questions about the election should be directed to the Office of the City Clerk/Elections Official at (562) 916-1248 or [election2020@cerritos.us](mailto:election2020@cerritos.us). Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, and the office is located on the first floor of Cerritos City Hall. ■

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony and youth contests planned

In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City of Cerritos will host a special ceremony on Monday, January 20 at 10 a.m. in the Sierra Room of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The public is invited to attend this free event, which will include remarks by the Cerritos City Council and community involvement through songs and comments. The CCPA is located at 18000 Park Plaza Drive.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Cerritos Library is sponsoring art and writing contests for students. All art and writing contest entries should represent the theme of "One People, One Nation, One Dream."

The art contest is open to students in kindergarten through grade 12. Participants may submit one art entry, no larger than 12" x 18," using any drawing or painting materials.

The writing contest is open to students in grades 7 through 12. Participants may submit one writing entry, which may be a poem or an essay with no more than 300 words, preferably typed on letter-size paper.

Contest entry forms are available at the Cerritos Library and on the City's website at [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us). Completed art and writing entries must be dropped off at the Cerritos Library's Children's Help Desk by 8:30 p.m. on Friday, January 3. The library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue.

After judging, selected entries will be displayed at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony. Selected authors may be invited to present their entry during the ceremony, and selected art entries will be on display at the Cerritos Library from late-January through February.

For more information about the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony or the art and writing contests, call the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101. ■

## CCPA kicks off New Year with January gems

Ring in 2020 at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) with this exciting January lineup.

The month opens with a must-see for classic Rock fans: British Rock Royalty. This high-energy showcase features the timeless hits of Pink Floyd, The Who, Queen and Led Zeppelin. Vocalist-producer Brody Dolyniuk and his band present the songs as audiences want to hear them, from "Comfortably Numb" to "Kashmir" and "Bohemian Rhapsody" to "Pinball Wizard," backed by state-of-the-art video, lighting and lasers. Tickets start at \$30 for the 8 p.m. Saturday, January 4 show.

Frankie Avalon & Chubby Checker will have you dancing in the aisles with their all-time hits on Sunday, January 5 at 7 p.m. Avalon dominated with the tunes "De De Dinah," "Why" and "Venus." Grammy winner Checker opens the show. His smash hit "The Twist" was named the No. One song of all time for the "Billboard Hot 100" music chart. Tickets start at \$70.

The Temptations is back with its timeless tunes on Friday, January 10 at 8 p.m. The Grammy-winning Soul-R&B quintet performs its classics, which include "The Way You Do the Things You Do," "My Girl," "Just My Imagination (Running Away With Me)" and "Papa Was a Rolling Stone." Tickets start at \$70.

The hilarious host of "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" returns to the CCPA for a night of laughs on Saturday, January 11 at 8 p.m. A Mark Twain Award for Humor recipient, Jay Leno is also a best-selling author, a People's Choice Award winner and a Television Academy Hall of Fame inductee. Tickets start at \$80. The show is sponsored by Aria Apartment Homes.

Share an afternoon with some founders of the Folk music movement in "Legends of Folk," which comes to the CCPA on Sunday, January 12 at 3 p.m. The concert features Grammy winner The Kingston Trio ("Tom Dooley"), The Limelites ("Whiskey in the Jar") and special guest The Brothers Four ("Greenfields"). Come-

dian Scott Wood hosts. Ticket prices start at \$50.

Catch the Grammy winners Kool & The Gang on Friday, January 17 at 8 p.m. The legendary group's hits include the groovin' songs "Celebration," "Ladies Night," "Cherish," "Jungle Boogie" and "Get Down on It." Tickets start at \$80.

Frankie Valli has bedazzled generations of fans and critics with a string of hits, including "My Eyes Adored You," "Grease" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You." As The Four Seasons' front man, Valli's distinctive falsetto led the band to the top of the music charts with "Sherry," "Walk Like a Man," "Big Girls Don't Cry" and "Rag Doll." Enjoy the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer on Saturday, January 18 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, January 19 at 7 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$110.

Don't miss music icons Tony Orlando and Crystal Gayle "Live in Concert" on Friday, January 24 at 8 p.m. Orlando's bevy of hits includes "Knock Three Times" and the chart-buster "Tie a Yellow Ribbon 'Round the Ole Oak Tree." Beguiling Grammy winner Gayle, who opens the show, dominated music charts with "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" and the No. One hit "I'll Get Over You." Ticket prices start at \$60.

The tribute show "MJ LIVE" brings Michael Jackson's biggest hits – "Bad," "Billie Jean," "Beat It," "Thriller," "Black & White" and many more – to Cerritos! A talented impersonator electrifies audiences with the one-of-a-kind voice and amazing dance moves that are uniquely the late "King of Pop's." See it for yourself on Saturday, January 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$40.

The CCPA presents "An Intimate Evening With David Foster: Hitman Tour," featuring special guest Katharine McPhee on Sunday, January 26 at 7 p.m. A Grammy-Golden Globe-Emmy winner, Foster is the mastermind behind smash hits such as Andrea Bocelli's "The Prayer," Kenny Loggins' "Forever," Whitney Houston's "I Have

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# 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.

## October 24, 2019

- Approved Development Code Amendment 2019-5, making the findings set forth in Cerritos Planning Commission Resolution No. 2019-28; and
- Waived full reading of and introduced Ordinance No. 1028, an ordinance of the City of Cerritos amending Chapter 5.35 and Chapter 22.40 of the Cerritos Municipal Code to prohibit the sale of electronic cigarettes in the City of Cerritos, herein referenced as Development Code Amendment 2019-5.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2019-23, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos granting an easement deed to Southern California Edison for utility purposes located approximately 157 feet south of Park Plaza Drive along Shoemaker Avenue, Cerritos (APN 7030-011-011).
- Awarded a contract for the purchase, installation and programming of two LCD projectors for the Cerritos City Council Chambers to Digital Networks Group, Inc. in the amount of \$23,657.79, Bid No. 1389-19.

## November 14, 2019

- Waived full reading of and adopted Ordinance No. 1028, an ordinance of the City of Cerritos amending Chapter 5.35 and Chapter 22.40 of the Cerritos Municipal Code to prohibit the sale of electronic cigarettes in the City of Cerritos, herein referenced as Development Code Amendment 2019-5.
- Approved the appeal of a decision of the Cerritos Property Preservation Commission denying a request

to remove one parkway tree adjacent to the property located at 13558 Felson Street, Cerritos (APN 7023-002-055), and noting the subject tree will be removed.

- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2019-24, a resolution of the Cerritos City Council authorizing utilization of fiscal year 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, anticipated to be approximately \$209,325, to improve accessibility to exercise equipment at El Rancho Verde Park (fitness stations) and Liberty Park (Fit Core).
- Awarded a contract for printing and mailing of the Cerritos News, Cerritos Library News & Cerritos Life-long Enrichment Combined Newsletter and Community Services Program, Bid No. 1391-19, to Southwest Offset Printing for \$60,774.29. In the event issues of non-performance arise, the project would be removed from Southwest Offset Printing and taken to the next lowest qualified bidder to ensure that the City's printing deadline, quality standards and specifications are met. This process would be repeated as necessary in order of the lowest bid to the highest.
- Rejected the sole bid received for the replacement of the fire alarm system at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts; and
- Authorized staff to re-advertise the project at a future date.
- Directed staff to provide an update report in an upcoming Closed Session regarding the recent litigation with AFSCME.
- Directed staff to place an information report on an upcoming agenda regarding the use of "Roundup" products.

## New water billing portal to launch in 2020

The City of Cerritos will introduce a new online water billing payment portal in the first quarter of 2020. The new portal will be available through the City's website and will offer Cerritos residential and business water customers enhanced services when paying their water utility bills.

The new portal will allow customers to make a one-time payment or set up automatic payments. Payments can be made from an eCheck, debit card or credit cards, including American Express, MasterCard and Visa. Customers will also be able to view their 12-month payment history. Bill statements will become available as part of the payment history starting with the first bill paid through the new system.

Customers can also request paperless billing with the new system. When this option is selected, the portal will email a PDF of the bill summary to the customer.

Customers who have selected paperless billing can choose to receive their bill statements via an email message or text message. The system also allows customers to request email reminders of upcoming payment due dates.

Customers who own multiple properties in the City can add all of their City water utility accounts to the portal.

To create an account in the portal, customers must enter an email address, account address, 16-digit customer number (including leading zeroes and without the dash), password and answers to security questions. Customers should make note of their password and answers to security questions; resetting one's password will require customers to call the Water Billing Division. A kiosk will be available in City Hall where staff will provide assistance to customers with setting up their accounts.

Customers will still be able to make payments at the Water Billing counter in City Hall. Credit card payments can also be made over the phone using a new interactive voice recognition system.

Customers who are already signed up for automatic payments from their checking accounts will continue to be billed as usual; no action is required. If they would like the option to view their payment history, they should sign up through the new portal.

For more information about the new water billing portal, please call the Water Billing Division at (562) 916-1235. ■

## Cerritos bans sale of electronic cigarettes

The Cerritos City Council recently amended the Cerritos Municipal Code to prohibit the sale of electronic cigarettes citywide.

The move is in response to health advisories recently issued by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the State of California regarding deadly lung illnesses related to vaping.

The City's current law prohibits standalone establishments whose primary use is to sell or distribute electronic cigarettes or associated paraphernalia. Previous regulations did not extend to retailers – such as grocery stores, gas stations, markets and liquor stores – which sell e-cigarettes and related paraphernalia as an ancillary use. The amendment now bans the sale of electronic cigarettes city-wide, both as a primary and ancillary use, and will take effect July 1, 2020. ■

## City grants easement deed to SCE

The Cerritos City Council recently granted an easement deed to Southern California Edison (SCE) for utility purposes.

The affected property, at 12900 Park Plaza Drive, is a City-owned parcel that currently accommodates two Cerritos Towne Center office buildings and a five-level parking garage.

The agreement grants SCE an easement and right-of-way to construct, use, maintain and operate the section approximately 157 feet south of Park Plaza Drive along Shoemaker Avenue in its efforts to convert overhead power lines to underground electrical facilities, a process known as "undergrounding." ■

## Timely removal of Christmas lights and decorations required

Residents are reminded to kindly remove all Christmas lights and decorations in a timely fashion. The Cerritos Municipal Code requires that decorations and lights be removed within 15 days after a holiday to maintain the City's park-like appearance. Therefore, lights should be removed by Friday, January 10. ■

## 183rd Street improvements completed

The Cerritos City Council awarded a \$504,580 contract to Hardy & Harper of Lake Forest for asphalt upgrades on 183rd Street. This included an estimated amount of \$153,000 toward improvements within the cities of Artesia and Lakewood, which will each be responsible for the actual costs of the work completed within those cities.

The work included removal and replacement of asphalt concrete on 183rd Street from Civic Center Drive to Cortner Avenue and 183rd Street from Civic Center Drive to Bloomfield Avenue. Asphalt concrete was removed and replaced on 183rd Street from Cortner Avenue to Norwalk Boulevard and ADA-accessible ramps were replaced within the City of Artesia.

Asphalt upgrades were also performed on Del Amo Boulevard from Bloomfield Avenue to Coyote Creek in Cerritos and Del Amo Boulevard from Bloomfield Avenue to Winkler Avenue in Lakewood. ■

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Nothing" and Celine Dion's "Because You Loved Me." He will be accompanied by a band and singer-songwriter-actress and "American Idol" star Katharine McPhee. The show is sponsored by Cerritos Auto Square.

In "Ocean Soul," National Geographic photographer Brian Skerry shares tales of his journeys from the North Atlantic, where harp seals face off with commercial hunters, to the Gulf of St. Lawrence in search of Atlantic blue-fin tuna and to research facilities studying dolphin intelligence. Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 30 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45.

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with the Golden Dragon Acrobats. The culture and traditions of the Chinese people burst forth in this spellbinding display of award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques. Enjoy the Far East experience on Friday, January 31 at 8 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$40.

Visit [cerritoscenter.com](http://cerritoscenter.com) to purchase tickets and select your seats or call (562) 916-8500. ■

## City introduces new parking permit system

The City has introduced a new web-based parking permit system. Residents can now submit their annual parking permit application, update their vehicle status and request an overnight parking permit 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week by visiting [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us) and clicking on "Parking Permits" under the Featured Links section.

The rear view hang tag permits have been replaced by placards for better visibility. The placards are to be placed on the driver's side dashboard. Residents may also request a window decal if they do not use the permit for more than one vehicle. ■

## City Council approves tree maintenance contract

BrightView Tree Care Services, Inc. of Santa Ana was recently awarded a \$680,800 contract for parkway tree maintenance by the Cerritos City Council.

The City is divided into 20 tree-trimming districts and BrightView will maintain and trim trees in Districts 5, 6, 13 and 15, located in the southwest, central and eastern areas of the City. The company will trim an estimated 6,808 trees during the current fiscal year. In addition to basic tree trimming, the contract includes emergency after-hour tree removal and trimming services, necessary tree planting and specialized tree trimming. ■



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## Be cautious of coyotes in Cerritos

There has been a recent increase in sightings of coyotes throughout Cerritos and nearby communities. Residents should take the following precautions to avoid encounters with the wild animals:

- Feed pets indoors.
- Eliminate potential food and water sources, such as fallen fruit or standing water.
- Keep yards free of thick brush and weeds.
- Enclose the bottoms of porches and decks.
- Keep dogs on a leash at all times when outdoors.
- Keep small animals inside or supervised when outdoors. A fenced yard will not protect small animals because coyotes can easily scale residential fences.

Domestic dogs are especially vulnerable to coyote attacks. Adult coyotes are mainly active at night or in the early morning hours, while young coyotes are often active during the day. California coyotes have adapted to residential neighborhoods, parks and open spaces in urban and suburban areas. They are especially prevalent in areas bordering a flood channel.

Residents who see a coyote in their neighborhood should try to scare it away by shouting, throwing rocks, blowing portable air horns or acting in other aggressive ways in order to reinforce the coyote's fear of people. Motion-sensitive lights on houses or outbuildings may also deter coyotes from approaching.

## Traffic signal to be modified

The Cerritos City Council has approved modifications for the traffic light at the corner of 166th Street and Bloomfield Avenue. A protective-permissive signal, the existing signal will be converted to a fully protective signal for drivers making left turns. This change will apply in all four directions.

Crosstown Electrical & Data, Inc. of Irwindale was awarded a \$263,401 contract to make the modifications. The company will also remove and replace the median noses and upgrade the ADA ramps within the intersection. GK & Associates in Diamond Bar will be paid \$21,960 to inspect the work. W.G. Zimmerman Engineering in Huntington Beach will be paid \$8,778 to design the project and provide construction support and administrative services. Funded with a Highway Safety Improvement Program Caltrans grant, the project is expected to begin in early 2020 and to be completed by mid-year. ■

If an aggressive or fearless coyote approaches you or your pet, consider the following tips:

- Shout in a deep voice.
- Wave your arms.
- Throw objects at the animal.
- Look the coyote directly in the eyes.
- Stand up if you are seated.
- If you are wearing a coat or vest, spread it open like a cape so that you appear larger.
- Retreat from the situation by walking backward slowly. Do not turn your back on the coyote.

The City of Cerritos contracts with Long Beach Animal Care Services to provide a wide range of services, including coyote management. The City of Long Beach has a comprehensive coyote management plan and that plan serves as the de facto plan for Cerritos by extension of the service contract. The majority of cities in the region all have similar coyote management plans as each plan must be in accord with the regulations established by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. To access the comprehensive coyote management plan, please visit <https://bit.ly/2lTHFJE>.

If you see a coyote, fill out an online "Wildlife Incident Report" on the Long Beach Animal Care Services website at [longbeach.gov/acs/wildlife/coyote-report](http://longbeach.gov/acs/wildlife/coyote-report). The website has additional information about coyotes. ■

## Contract awarded for traffic signal and street light maintenance

The Cerritos City Council awarded Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. a two-year \$262,760 contract to maintain traffic signals and street lights throughout the City.

Of the 99 intersections throughout the City of Cerritos, the City is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of 63 locations. The contract with Bear Electrical includes monthly and annual maintenance, including inspecting and performing any necessary work on signals and signal equipment. The company will also verify timing, change light fixtures when necessary and check illuminated signs. Bear Electrical will also conduct extraordinary maintenance, which includes repairs that arise as a result of traffic collisions or power outages.

The contract has a provision for four one-year extensions. ■

# TV3 Schedule: January

## City Council and Commission Meetings

### Cerritos City Council Meetings

7 p.m. on Thursday, January 9 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, January 10 and 9 a.m. on Monday, January 13

7 p.m. on Monday, January 27 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, January 31 and 9 a.m. on Monday, February 3

### Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, January 10 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15

### Fine Arts and Historical Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, January 16 (live), rebroadcasts: 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21 and 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 23

### Property Preservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28 (live), rebroadcasts: 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 30 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4

## Program Highlights

### Rob Kapilow's "What Makes It Great? Beethoven" at the CCPA

7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7; 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 12; and 7 p.m. on Monday, January 20

### The Four Italian Tenors at the CCPA

4 p.m. on Sunday, January 5; 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 25; and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29

### Living With Coyotes In an Urban Environment

6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7; 7 p.m. on Monday, January 13; and 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 23

### Cerritos Library Book Art Collection

5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8

### Cerritos: A City With Vision

5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 23

### Cerritos Library Author Showcase: Lisa See

5:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 18

For Cerritos TV3 schedule and streaming video, visit: [cerritos.us/RESIDENTS/tv3.php](http://cerritos.us/RESIDENTS/tv3.php)

# Calendar of Events

- December 31 • **Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course and Swim Center closed at 2 p.m.**  
• **Library, Senior Center and Community Centers closed at 5 p.m.**
- January 1 • **New Year's Day**  
• **City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Library, Senior Center, all Recreation facilities and CCPA Ticket Office closed.**
- January 2 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Off-Street Café, 11020 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos. Also on January 9 and 23. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.  
• **Cerritos (Mid-City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 9, 16, 23 and 30. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.  
• **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 9, 16, 23 and 30. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.  
• **Happy Seniors of Cerritos Association**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 9, 16, 23 and 30. Contact Emma Chupinghong at (562) 400-1075.  
• **Formosa Senior Association**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 9, 16, 23 and 30. Contact Jerry Lee at (714) 821-1988.
- January 3 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 10, 17, 24 and 31. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 860-6802.
- January 4 • **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 7 a.m.-noon, Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on January 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.  
• **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on January 11, 18 and 25.
- January 6 • **Rotary Club of Cerritos**, noon, Peking Wok, 11203 183rd Street. Also on January 20. Contact Sharon Carlson at (562) 404-1993.
- January 7 • **Iron-Wood Women's Golf Club plays**, 7:30 a.m., Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course. Also on January 14, 21 and 28. Contact Sharon Hamel at (562) 598-6165.  
• **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 14, 21 and 28. Contact LiWen Wu Shao at (562) 233-9485.  
• **Soulful Seniors of Cerritos**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Louida Shaw at (562) 412-7448.  
• **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also January 14, 21 and 28. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- January 8 • **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos. Also on January 21.  
• **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.  
• **Lunchtime Leaders**, noon, SELACO Workforce Development Board, 10900 E. 183rd Street, 3rd Floor, Cerritos. Visitors welcome. Also on January 15, 22 and 29. Contact Larry Lee at (562) 484-5035.  
• **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 6-10 p.m., Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on January 15, 22 and 29. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.  
• **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.  
• **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m., Macaroni Grill, 12875 Towne Center Drive, Cerritos. Also on January 22. Contact Lola Rizkallah at (562) 860-4675.  
• **Cerritos Rod & Gun Club**, 7 p.m., Heritage Park. Contact Jay Miller at (562) 926-8521.  
• **Toastmasters International Club 3828: Eclectic Dialectics**, 7:30 p.m., The Grove at Cerritos, 11000 New Falcon Way, Cerritos. Also on January 15, 22 and 29. Contact Jimmy Chan at (562) 565-7676 or Dan Nino at (562) 508-8099.
- January 9 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.  
• **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Gail Grossman at (562) 926-8487 or Delores Eveland at (562) 618-5438.  
• **Da' Hawaii Senior Club**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also January 28, 6-9 p.m. Contact Myrna Matsuno at (310) 538-2148.
- January 12 • **'Ahahui '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.
- January 13 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 20 and 27. Contact Eileen Mills at (714) 809-6143.
- January 14 • **Cerritos Republican Club**, 7 p.m., Cerritos Park East Malibu Room. Contact Becky Lingad at (562) 243-2135, or visit the website at [cerritos-republican.org](http://cerritos-republican.org).  
• **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 January 28. Call (562) 865-8101 for an appointment.
- January 15 • **Community Safety Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- January 16 • **Fine Arts and Historical Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.  
• **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women**, 1-3 p.m. Cerritos Park East. Contact Karen Cox at (562) 519-0596.  
• **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 p.m., Café n' Stuff, 9306 E. Firestone Blvd., Downey. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.  
• **Philippine Society of Southeast Los Angeles**, 7 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Nimfa Castro at (562) 822-3633.  
• **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 7:30 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower.
- January 20 • **Martin Luther King, Jr., Day**  
• **City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Library, Senior Center and CCPA Ticket Office closed.**  
• **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** ceremony, 10 a.m. Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sierra Room.  
• **Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club**, 7 p.m., Mimi's Café, 12727 Towne Center Drive, Cerritos. Contact Elaine Duvali at (562) 924-3583 or [hhdemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:hhdemocrats@gmail.com).
- January 22 • **Let Freedom Ring Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Park East.
- January 25 • **Recreation Services Youth Baseball** registration, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sports Complex. Also on January 29, 4-8 p.m. and February 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- January 27 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- January 28 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

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## Christmas tree recycling offered for residents

Residents in single-family homes can recycle their Christmas trees beginning Saturday, December 28 through Friday, January 10 by placing them at the curb for pick-up by 7 a.m. on their trash collection days. The trees will be composted or used for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District's daily landfill cover.

Trees to be recycled should not contain any lights, tinsel, nails, metal stands or decorations, and should not be placed in bags. Trees more than 4 feet tall should be cut in half. Flocked trees will be accepted.

Businesses in Cerritos or residents living in apartments or condominiums can place trees next to their trash bin for collection. For more information, call the City's Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220. ■

## Don't miss the annual Festival of Friendship

The community is invited to celebrate Cerritos' rich cultural diversity at the City's Festival of Friendship from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 1. The City of Cerritos and the Let Freedom Ring Committee, in conjunction with the Los Cerritos Center, are presenting the event. The festival will be held in the Los Cerritos Center.

The Festival of Friendship will feature a variety of cultural entertainment on stages throughout the mall. Local groups will perform an assortment of cultural songs and dances.

Special commemorative gifts will be distributed at each stage. For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

## Free tax preparation offered for qualifying households

The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation is offering free tax preparation for taxpayers who meet the following qualifications for 2019: total income less than \$56,000; interest income less than \$10,000; fewer than five stock transactions; self-employment expenses less than \$5,000; and no rental income.

Tax preparation will be offered from Saturday, February 1, 2020 through Saturday, April 11 at the Norwalk Social Service Center at 11929 Alondra Boulevard and 14618 Carmenita Road in Norwalk. Assistance for English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese speakers is available. To make an appointment, call (562) 929-5961 (Spanish/English) or (877) 889-8244 (Chinese/English). ■

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