

The Cerritos News

City of Cerritos COVID-19 update

As of press time, all City facilities will be closed through Friday, May 15 in compliance with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's revised "Safer at Home" order issued on April 10. For a complete list of affected City facilities, programs and events, please visit the City's website at cerritos.us.

The City of Cerritos proclaimed a local emergency in response to COVID-19 on March 19. The proclaimed local emergency was ratified via resolution of the City Council on March 26. On April 13, the City revised its local emergency order, extending the suspension of parking enforcement, including overnight residential parking restrictions and street sweeping enforcement; water service shut-off as a result of overdue payment; and process for certain major

precise plan applications through the duration of the local emergency period. In addition, a tenant eviction moratorium was established prohibiting landlords from evicting a residential or commercial tenant in the City of Cerritos during this local emergency period if the tenant is able to show an inability to pay rent due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic. A copy of the complete order is available on the City of Cerritos website at cerritos.us.

The City will continue to update residents and the community through its website, email blasts, on Cerritos TV3 and "The Cerritos News." To sign up to receive City email blasts, click the "E-News" red envelope link on the homepage of the City's website at cerritos.us.

"Library News" and "Community Services Program"

The May 2020 issue of the "Library News" and the Summer 2020 issue of the Community Services Program will not be published. The newsletters are on hiatus pending the scheduling of upcoming services, programs and events.

Public Health Resources

For the latest updates on COVID-19, please visit the following websites:

- County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, publichealth.lacounty.gov
- California Department of Health, cdph.ca.gov
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cdc.gov
- World Health Organization, who.int ■

Cerritos City Council reorganizes

The Cerritos General Municipal Election was held on Tuesday, March 3 for three members of the City Council and one City ballot measure (Measure C). Jim Edwards, Naresh Solanki and Chuong Vo received the highest number of votes and were elected to the Office of Cerritos City Councilmember for a full-term of four years. Measure C was not approved by the Cerritos electorate.

During the City Council's annual reorganization meeting and mayoral transition on Wednesday, April 1, Solanki was selected as Mayor of Cerritos and Vo as Mayor Pro Tem by their colleagues. Outgoing City Councilmember Mark E. Pulido was honored for his years of dedicated service on the City Council.

A resident of Cerritos since 1988, Mayor Solanki was first elected to the Cerritos City Council in 2015. He became Mayor Pro Tem in 2016 and 2018 and was previously Mayor in 2019. He served as a Cerritos Planning Commissioner for eight years. Mayor Solanki owns and is the CEO/President of retail grocery supermarkets and is also in the hospitality business.

Mayor Pro Tem Vo has been a Cerritos resident since 2000. He served two years on the Cerritos Community Safety Committee from 2009-2011 and was appointed to the Planning Commission in 2011, on which he served for six years. He has a more than 20-year career in law enforcement and is a former member of the Cerritos Optimist Club and Kiwanis Club.

Councilmember Edwards was elected to the Cerritos City Council in 2005, was re-elected in 2009, and served as Mayor of Cerritos from 2008 to 2009 and 2012 to 2013. He was re-elected to the City Council again in 2015 and in 2020. A Cerritos resident for more than 43 years, Councilmember Edwards previously served as a Cerritos Parks and Recreation Commissioner and as a Cerritos Community Safety Committee member. Councilmember Edwards is retired from a career as a teacher and administrator in the ABC Unified School District.

Councilmember Grace Hu was elected to the City Council in 1992, served as Mayor in 1995 and was re-elected to the City Council in 1997. She served a second term as Mayor in 1999. In 2017, she was re-elected to the City Council and became Mayor. A 41-year Cerritos resident, Councilmember Hu is a real estate broker and investment consultant, owning real estate agencies in Cerritos and Artesia.

Councilmember Frank Aurelio Yokoyama was elected to the Cerritos City Council in 2017 and became Mayor Pro Tem in 2019. A Cerritos resident since 1976, Councilmember Yokoyama previously served as a Cerritos Planning Commissioner from 2011 to 2013. Councilmember Yokoyama is a local businessman, attorney and a youth sports coach.

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

CCPA shows canceled or postponed

As of press time, all shows at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) have been canceled or postponed through June 19. The Ticket Office is contacting ticket buyers with their refund and/or exchange options.

Patrons can call the Ticket Office with questions or to inquire about the status of their tickets. The Ticket Office is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. ■

Los Angeles County warns of scams

The County of Los Angeles has issued a warning of increasing fraud schemes in the midst of the COVID-19 public health crisis, including malicious websites, email schemes and door-to-door solicitations claiming to be COVID-19 fundraising.

There are several Coronavirus tracking and mapping sites that are actually malware websites. Cybersecurity experts advise that instead of clicking on these sites, users should hover over the link to verify the URL before proceeding. Hackers may also send emails from fraudulent accounts impersonating official websites and doctors or offering medical supplies and services.

A trusted COVID-19 mapping resource is the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Global Map, which can be found at coronavirus.jhu.edu. For accurate, up-to-date information on COVID-19, the County of Los Angeles also recommends:

- County of Los Angeles, covid19.lacounty.gov
- County of Los Angeles Public Health, publichealth.lacounty.gov
- California Department of Public Health, cdph.ca.gov
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cdc.gov

As Los Angeles County residents practice "Safer at Home" directives, scammers are also going door-to-door soliciting donations and fund-raising contributions through cash, Bitcoin or Paypal. Residents are advised to not open the door.

If you believe you have been scammed, contact your bank immediately and report the information to local law enforcement. ■

Repairs approved for water main break

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$148,662 contract to Doty Bros. Construction Co. to fix a water main break at the intersection of Norwalk Boulevard and 166th Street.

The 24-inch water main was constructed and installed in 1959. The leak did not affect water services to properties in the City, but a permanent fix is necessary because the pipe is a transmission line

that feeds properties on both the east and west sides of the City.

The project includes the necessary repairs to the main water break as well as the replacement of the 24-inch butterfly valve, which controls the water entering the section of the pipe.

The work is expected to be completed by the end of April. ■

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 Office of the City Clerk/Treasurer from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (562) 916-1248.

February 27, 2020

- Waived full reading of and adopted Ordinance No. 1031, an ordinance of the City of Cerritos amending Chapter 10.18 of the Cerritos Municipal Code to de-classify a segment of Shoemaker Avenue as a designated truck route.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2020-4, a resolution of the Cerritos City Council authorizing utilization of surplus Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in accordance with CDBG performance policies, totaling approximately \$69,832, to construct and retrofit 22 accessible curb ramps in the City of Cerritos.
- Authorized staff to expend \$148,662 for the water main break repair at the intersection of Norwalk Boulevard and 166th Street to Doty Bros. Construction Co.; and
- Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute any project-related change orders.
- Received and filed the report on current City Councilmember salary, pension and medical benefits.
- Directed staff to provide an informational report on City account balances for restricted and non-restricted funds at the next meeting.

CalMet continues to collect trash and recyclables

As of press time, the City's contract waste hauler, CalMet Services, will continue to collect trash, recyclables, green waste and bulky items in Cerritos during the COVID-19 public health crisis. Maintaining these essential services without interruption is a priority for the City.

Out of an abundance of caution, facilities that process collected recyclables have suspended operations. Therefore, the City is allowing CalMet Services to dispose of recyclables at landfills on a temporary basis. Cerritos residents may see only one truck collecting the material from their trash bins during this time. However, all residents and businesses should continue to separate recyclables and green/organic waste and place them in the correct bin so that the City can resume recovering recyclables as soon as processing facilities resume operation. ■

Cerritos drinking water is safe to drink

Cerritos drinking water is filtered, disinfected and safe to drink. Cerritos water meets California's comprehensive and safe drinking water standards, which require a multi-step treatment process. This process removes and kills viruses, including coronaviruses that cause diseases such as COVID-19.

The State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water establishes and enforces drinking water standards that ensure the delivery of pure, safe and potable water. In addition to health-based water quality standards, treatment facilities must comply with stringent performance measures to ensure treatment processes are continuously operating at peak performance.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, COVID-19 is transmitted person to person, not through water. ■

Natural gas, electric utilities offer COVID-19 assistance

What to expect for your natural gas service

The following information is provided by the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas):

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation continues to develop, we are doing everything we can to enhance the safety and wellbeing of our customers and employees. We are also committed to providing safe and reliable service and we do not anticipate any service disruptions at this time.

We will continue to make essential and emergency service appointments, including reports of suspected natural gas leaks, carbon monoxide checks, gas meter turn-ons, natural gas outage and pilot re-lights.

For now, some appliance check-ups and non-essential service calls – things like inoperative pool heaters, barbecues and fire pits are being suspended.

During emergency service visits, SoCalGas technicians may ask homeowners to move to another room to maintain a 6-foot distance, per CDC guidelines.

Beginning March 23, SoCalGas branch payment offices were closed to the public. Some Authorized Payment Locations may close or provide intermittent service. There are many other ways to pay your bill:

- Drop off payment at depository boxes at our existing branch offices (include bill stub or account number with payment).
- At any one of our Authorized Payment Locations socalgas.com/pay-bill/ways-to-pay/payment-locations
- Online at socalgas.com/pay-bill
- By phone, to pay by credit, debit card or e-check, call (800) 427-2200
- By mail, send bill stub with check or money order to:

SoCalGas
P.O. Box C
Monterey Park, CA 91756-0000

As a reminder, we also suspended service disconnections until further notice. This means no customer will have their natural gas turned off due to non-payment.

We are committed to helping customers experiencing hardships, including from COVID-19. If your household income has recently changed, you may now qualify for 20 percent off your natural gas bill with CARE. Apply online today at socalgas.com. If you are currently on CARE, you will not be required to recertify. As of March 4, 2020 all CARE customers will remain on the program for the duration of the state of emergency, unless further extended by SoCalGas or the Commission.

Customer service representatives continue to be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer your questions, help you select a payment option or determine if the service you're calling about needs our attention right away. If in need of assistance, we encourage customers to call us at (800) 427-2200.

For our Small Business Customers, we are waiving late payment fees.

SoCalGas is aware that scammers are taking advantage of the COVID-19 outbreak to send phishing emails, texts and social media posts. Please note that SoCalGas has suspended service disconnections to customers who have a hard time paying their bills and does NOT call to demand payment. Please be on the lookout for scams asking for personal information or selling phony products and never click on malicious links or attachments.

SCE: Our Response to COVID-19

The following information is provided by Southern California Edison (SCE):

If you're facing financial hardships or are just

looking for ways to save during the COVID-19 emergency, these programs and tools may help. We offer a number of payment assistance options for our customers, including payment extensions and arrangements for customers who may need more time to pay their bill. You can also visit our Help Paying Your Bill page at sce.com/residential/assistance to find out what options are available for you.

If someone in your home requires the use of electrically powered medical devices or equipment, you may qualify for our Medical Baseline Allowance program. Information is available at sce.com/residential/assistance/medical-baseline.

Safely providing reliable service means critical scheduled outages must continue, even during this unprecedented COVID-19 situation. This is consistent with Governor Newsom's "Stay at Home" Executive Order, which recognized that essential work as defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's guidelines must continue.

We are prioritizing critical work necessary to protect our communities from the threat of wildfires and to make urgent repairs, even as we postpone less pressing upgrades. Postponing this critical work could inadvertently create larger and more dangerous risks.

We do not take the decision to proceed with an outage lightly, and our teams are working to shorten the duration as much as possible. We must go forward with work necessary to protect public safety including reducing wildfire risk. We are postponing noncritical work that would cause a customer outage and evaluating each outage on a case-by-case basis.

Visit our Outage Center at sce.com/outage-center to report an outage, view current outages or check the status of a planned outage in your area. We are working hard to reschedule or minimize the impact of critical, necessary outages, especially for vulnerable customers, businesses and other critical services that are part of the response to the outbreak.

You may also see our crews conducting inspections from the ground or air to determine the need to clear or remove vegetation near our equipment or actively working to remove it. Learn more about our wildfire mitigation activities.

Please know we will not disconnect your power now because you're having trouble making payments due to hardships caused by COVID-19. We're temporarily suspending service disconnections for nonpayment and waiving late fees by request. If you are having trouble paying your bill, we encourage you to contact our SCE Customer Contact Center to talk about a payment extension or arrangement. For more information, visit sce.com/billhelp.

If you are a business customer, you also qualify for suspended service disconnection for nonpayment and waiver of late fees by request. You may also qualify for the CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program, which will provide 100 percent federally guaranteed loans to small businesses. For more information, visit our Small Business Resources page at sce.com/business/Small-Business-Resources.

Unfortunately, scams targeting utility customers increase during times of uncertainty; we urge you to call us first at (800) 655-4555 before taking any action, or if you are suspicious about any COVID-19-related emails or calls you receive from people claiming to be with SCE. We will never call you or email you to demand payment and threaten to disconnect your service if payment isn't received immediately. ■

Help for small business owners affected by COVID-19

The following information for small businesses is provided by United States Representative Linda Sánchez.

If you are a small business owner impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, your business may be eligible for some, or all, of these resources under the CARES Act.

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans – This program provides 100 percent guaranteed, low interest, no fee loans of up to \$10 million for small businesses to continue paying their employees during this crisis. The entirety of the loan will be forgiven if your business keeps employees on during the crisis. Go online to sba.gov to learn more about a PPP loan and see if you qualify.

Employee Retention Tax Credit – Employers can claim a refundable tax credit equal to 50 percent of wages (up to \$10,000 per employee) paid after March 12, 2020. Information is available online at irs.gov/coronavirus-tax-relief-and-economic-impact-payments.

California's Work Sharing Program – As an alternative to laying off workers, California's unemployment insurance system will temporarily pay a portion of wages while businesses retain employees and provide essential benefits. If you are experiencing a slowdown in your businesses as a result of the coronavirus impact on the economy, you can apply through the website located at edd.ca.gov.

Financial Relief for Small Businesses

These resources can help your small business with rent, utilities, payroll, and other major expenses during this challenging time.

Economic Injury Disaster Grants – This program offers an advance of \$10,000 to small businesses and nonprofits that apply for a Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loan. The advance does not need to be repaid, and may be used to provide paid sick leave to employees, maintain payroll, or other essential expenses. Go online to sba.gov for more information.

Debt Relief for Existing and New SBA Borrowers – If your business currently has a loan through the SBA's 7(a), 504, or micro loan programs, you will receive automatic debt relief during the pandemic. SBA will automatically pay the principal, interest, and fees of these existing loans and those issued before September 27, 2020. Go online to sba.gov for more information.

Delayed State and Federal Tax Filing Deadlines – July 15, 2020 – State and federal tax filing deadlines have been extended to July 15, 2020. To apply for special assistance, including filing and payment extensions, and/or relief from interest and penalties, go online to cdtfa.ca.gov.

California's iBank Disaster Relief Loan Guarantee Program – The State of California provides this resource as an option for small businesses that may not qualify for federal funds (including businesses in low-wealth and immigrant communities). It provides guarantees for loans of up to \$50,000 for small business borrowers in declared disaster areas. Go online to ibank.ca.gov for additional information.

Help Navigating These Resources

The Long Beach Small Business Development Center, available online at longbeachsbdc.org, and other partners of the Small Business Administration provide free counseling to determine program eligibility and application assistance. Visit SBA's Local Assistance Directory at sba.gov/local-assistance/find/ to locate the office nearest you. ■

Government aid programs for individuals and workers

The following information is provided by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services.

If you are currently receiving CalFresh, CalWORKs, General Relief, Refugee Cash Assistance or Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), your benefits will continue at the same level through May 2020. You do not have to submit a SAR-7, QR-7, or a recertification packet. Your recertification will be due six months from your original due date. You will receive a notification letter informing you of when your next recertification is due.

If you are currently receiving Medi-Cal, your benefits will continue through May 2020. However, you will still need to comply with the renewal reporting requirement for Medi-Cal or your benefits will be terminated after the 90 days. If you have received your renewal packet, you can mail or upload it via dpss.lacounty.gov and click on the Your Benefits Now (YBN) logo.

If you are currently receiving General Relief, your benefits will continue through May 2020. You do not need to submit a QR-7.

CalWORKs and General Relief Welfare-to-Work requirements have been waived for March, April and May 2020.

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) reassessments have been suspended for 90 days. Social workers will contact IHSS recipients to conduct assessments via telephone and perform welfare checks. To apply for IHSS, please call (888) 944 4477.

If you have lost your job, or just need assistance, please apply for benefits online by visiting the Your Benefits Now website at dpss.lacounty.gov and clicking on the YBN logo to get started.

The Internal Revenue Service has set up a website with up-to-date guidance to help taxpayers, businesses and others affected by the coronavirus. Visit irs.gov/coronavirus. ■

Help for seniors, people with disabilities or low incomes

The meal program for seniors offered at the Cerritos Senior Center by the Human Services Association is continuing during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Registered seniors can pick up their meals at the Cerritos Senior Center. The City is also providing toilet paper for the participants, due to limited local supplies. The Cerritos Senior Center staff is also providing weekly wellness checks for registered seniors. For information about how to participate in the programs, please call the Cerritos Senior Center at (562)916-8550.

County Critical Delivery Service

Los Angeles County has launched a new free Critical Delivery Service for older adults, age 60 and older; dependent adults (ages 18-59); and individuals with disabilities who are unable to leave their home due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This program helps vulnerable individuals get the groceries, household items and other necessities they need during this time without having to leave the safety of their homes.

Delivery is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at no extra cost. No application process is required but items must be pre-paid and ready for pickup. Deliveries can be scheduled by calling (888) 863-7411 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Federal Communications Commission Lifeline: discounted internet

Lifeline is the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) program to help make communications services more affordable for low-income consumers. Lifeline provides subscribers a discount on monthly telephone service, broadband internet access service, or voice-broadband bundled service purchased from participating providers.

Lifeline typically provides up to a \$9.25 monthly discount on service for eligible low-income subscribers. Subscribers may receive a Lifeline discount on either a wireline or a wireless service, but they may not receive a discount on both services at the same time. Lifeline also supports broadband Internet access service and broadband-voice bundles. FCC rules prohibit more than one Lifeline service per household.

Lifeline is available to eligible low-income consumers in every state. To participate in the Lifeline

program, consumers must either have an income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participate in certain federal assistance programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Medicaid.

Charter Spectrum customers can call (855) 707-7328 for information about the company's Spectrum Internet Assist program.

Frontier FiOS customers can (800) 794-4741 for information about the Lifeline program.

California LifeLine Program for Phone Services

The California LifeLine Program provides discounts on home phone and cell phone services to qualified households. The California LifeLine discounts help consumers lower the cost of their phone bills. Only one discount per household is allowed (except for teletypewriter users and for Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program participants). Call your phone company and ask for the California LifeLine discounts to start the application process.

You can qualify for California LifeLine if you or another person in your household is enrolled in any one of the following public assistance programs:

- Medicaid/Medi-Cal
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- CalFresh, Food Stamps or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- 1. California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)
- 2. Welfare-to-Work (WTW)
- 3. Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) – Federal Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit Program

You can also qualify for California LifeLine if your household's total annual gross income is at or less than these annual income limits:

- Household size 1-2: \$28,700
- Household size 3: \$32,600
- Household size 4: \$39,700
- Each additional member: \$7,100 ■

Calendar of Events

DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID-19 CRISIS, PLEASE CHECK WITH THE INDIVIDUAL GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS BELOW TO CONFIRM UPCOMING MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES.

- April 24 • **64th Anniversary of the City's Incorporation**
- April 25 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.
- April 28 • **Classic Estates Toastmaster Club**, 6 p.m., Century 21 Classic Estates, 13217 South Street, Cerritos. Also on May 5, 12, 19 and 26. The public is invited to attend. Contact Soledad Almarinez at (562) 865-2922 for more information.
- April 29 • **Lunchtime Leaders**, noon, SELACO Workforce Development Board, 10900 E. 183rd Street, 3rd Floor, Cerritos. Visitors welcome. Also on May 6, 13, 20 and 27. Contact Larry Lee at (562) 484-5035.
- **Toastmasters International Club 3828: Eclectic Dialectics**, 7:30 p.m., The Grove at Cerritos, 11000 New Falcon Way, Cerritos. Also on May 6, 13, 20 and 27. Contact Jimmy Chan at (562) 565-7676 or Dan Nino at (562) 508-8099.
- May 4 • **Rotary Club of Cerritos**, noon, Peking Wok, 11203 183rd Street. Also on May 18. Contact Sharun Carlson at (562) 404-1993.
- May 5 • **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos.
- May 6 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m.
- **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.
- May 7 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m.
- **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Off Street Café, 11020 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos. Also on May 14 and 28. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.
- May 10 • **'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.
- May 11 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m.
- May 12 • **Economic Development Commission** meeting, 7 p.m.
- May 13 • **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m., Macaroni Grill, 12875 Towne Center Drive, Cerritos. Also on May 27. Contact Sowmya Ananthanarayanan at (562) 716-2601.
- **Cerritos Rod & Gun Club**, 7 p.m., Heritage Park. Contact Jay Miller at (562) 926-8521.
- May 14 • **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Gail Grossman at (562) 926-8487 or Delores Eveland at (562) 618-5438.
- **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 7:30 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower.
- May 16 • **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 7 a.m.-noon, Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on May 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.
- May 18 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- **Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club**, 7 p.m., Mimi's Cafe, 12727 Towne Center Drive, Cerritos. Contact Elaine Duvali at (562) 924-3583 or hhhdemocrats@gmail.com.
- May 19 • **Iron-Wood Women's Golf Club** plays, 7:30 a.m., Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course. Also on May 26. Contact Sharon Hamel at (562) 598-6165.
- May 20 • **Community Safety Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 6-10 p.m., Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on May 27. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.
- May 21 • **Fine Arts & Historical Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women**, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Cerritos Park East. For more information, 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.
- May 25 • **Memorial Day**
- **City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Library, Senior Center, Community Gymnasiums and CCPA Ticket Office closed.**
- May 26 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- May 27 • **Let Freedom Ring Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- May 28 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

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City's Memorial Day Ceremony canceled

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Cerritos' annual Memorial Day Ceremony has been canceled. The City thanks those who have given the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation's freedom as members of the United States armed forces.

For a current list of canceled City events and programs, please visit cerritos.us. ■

Tips for hiring a contractor

If you are planning on making home improvements in the future, follow these tips from the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) on hiring the right person for the job:

Only hire state-licensed contractors. By law, any contractor performing a project valued at \$500 or more (for total labor and materials) must be licensed by the CSLB. All new contractors are also required to pass a background investigation that includes a criminal background check. Check out the contractor's photo ID and the "pocket license," which lists the type(s) of trade for which the contractor is licensed. Make sure the license is still valid and in good standing on cslb.ca.gov or by calling (800) 321-2752.

Find out about permit requirements. Check with the City's Building and Safety Division whether the project needs a building permit. If so, confirm that the contractor will obtain all necessary permits.

Check the contractor's insurance. Ask whether the contractor carries general liability insurance and worker's compensation insurance for employees.

Don't rush into repairs. Get at least three bids and request references on work that the contractor has completed in the local area. If possible, check out the contractor's past projects in person.

Have a written contract. All project materials and expectations (including cleanup, debris removal and site security) should be spelled out clearly in writing. Changes to the contract must be done in writing and signed by both parties. Keep a file of all project papers and payments. Never sign a contract without fully understanding the terms.

Don't pay in cash. Contractors cannot ask for deposits of more than 10 percent of the total cost of the job or \$1,000, whichever is less. Stick to the agreed schedule of payments. Don't make the final payment until you are satisfied with the job.

For information on a contractor's license history and disciplinary actions, call CSLB at (562) 345-7656. Free complaint forms are available at cslb.ca.gov or (800) 321-2752. ■

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