

The Cerritos News

Cerritos City Council reorganizes; measures adopted

The Cerritos General Municipal Election was held on Tuesday, April 12 for two members of the City Council and six City ballot measures. Lynda Johnson and Frank Aurelio Yokoyama received the highest number of votes and were elected to the Office of Cerritos City Councilmember for a full term of four years. The following measures were adopted:

- Measure D – Shall the Cerritos City Charter be amended to remove or modify provisions based on superseding and preemptive State law, promote inclusivity through the use of generic personal pronoun references, increase City-wide operational efficiency by eliminating references to outdated business practices, and correct grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors?
- Measure E – Shall the Cerritos City Charter be amended to add Section 609, which would prohibit the employment or appointment by the Mayor, City Councilmembers, or City Manager of their relatives by blood or marriage within the third degree, as defined?
- Measure H – Shall Section 400 of the Cerritos City Charter be amended to modify current limitations regarding the terms of office for City Councilmembers, such that after April 12, 2022, a Councilmember who has served two (2) complete four-year terms, whether consecutive or not, is not eligible after the completion of the second four-year term to be elected or appointed to the City Council?

A Cerritos resident since 1971, Councilmember Johnson was a member of the ABC Unified School District Board from 2011 through 2017. A 35-year employee of the County of Los Angeles, Councilmember Johnson was a paralegal with the L.A. County District Attorney's Office for 20 years and the field deputy to L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn for five years. She is currently the field deputy to L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva. Councilmember Johnson has an Associate of Arts degree in paralegal from Cerritos College.

Councilmember 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. He is a local businessman, attorney and a youth sports coach. He graduated from UC Berkeley Business School and Harvard Law School.

During the City Council's annual reorganization meeting and mayoral transition on April 27, Chuong Vo was selected as Mayor of Cerritos and Bruce W. Barrows as Mayor Pro Tem by their colleagues. Outgoing Mayor and City Councilmember Grace Hu was honored for her years of dedicated service on the City Council.

Mayor Vo has been a Cerritos resident since 2000. He served two years on the Cerritos Community Safety Committee from 2009 through 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 attended UCLA majoring in anthropology with an emphasis in biology.

Mayor Pro Tem Barrows was unanimously appointed to the Cerritos City Council in May of 2020 to fill a declared vacancy in the office of City Councilmember. He was first elected to the Cerritos City Council in 1994 and was re-elected in 1999, 2007 and 2011. He served as Mayor in 1997–1998, 2002–2003, 2009–2010 and 2013–2014. Prior to his election to the City Council in 1994, Mayor Pro Tem Barrows served six years on the City's Planning Commission.

Councilmember Naresh Solanki was elected to the Cerritos City Council in 2015 and re-elected in 2020. He became Mayor Pro Tem in 2016 and 2018 and Mayor in 2019 and 2020. A Cerritos resident since 1988, Councilmember Solanki previously served as a Cerritos Planning Commissioner from 2007 to 2015. He owns and is the CEO/President of retail grocery supermarkets and is also in the hospitality business.

For more information about the City Council reorganization and adopted ballot measures, call the City Clerk/Treasurer's Office at (562) 916-1248. ■

Parks and Recreation Month Kids Poster Contest entries sought

The City of Cerritos is hosting a Parks and Recreation Month Kids Poster Contest with the theme "Parks Make Life Better in Cerritos." The contest is open to Cerritos residents ages 5 to 14 and students in the ABC Unified School District, Valley Christian Schools or Bellflower Unified School District.

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. Completed entries must be delivered to the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22.

Winning posters will be displayed on the City's website at cerritos.us throughout July. For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■



"Mayor's Weekly 60" program premieres

The City of Cerritos premiered a new "Mayor's Weekly 60" program in May. The weekly video features Mayor Chuong Vo sharing updates about City programs, events and developments in a 60-second format.

The "Mayor's Weekly 60" provides the Cerritos community with timely updates about current developments in Cerritos, including special events, street improvement and tree trimming projects and new businesses opening in the City.

The program will be posted on the City's YouTube Channel, Facebook group and website. The program will also air on Cerritos TV3, the City's government access cable television channel. The City's website at cerritos.us includes links to the City's YouTube channel, Facebook group and Cerritos TV3 live stream. ■

Let Freedom Ring Celebration planned

The 49th Annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration will take place on Monday, July 4 from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Cerritos Civic Center. The event will include entertainment, a formal ceremony with the City Council at 6:30 p.m. and a fireworks show at 9 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair to view the fireworks. Barbecues and picnicking are not allowed.

Entertainment includes the Cerritos College Community Band, local residents and the 80s cover band Knight Ryder. Games, rides and food trucks will also be available.

All-day ride wristbands, available for \$20 through 4 p.m. Friday, July 1, can be purchased at the Recreation Services Division counter at Cerritos City Hall. On Monday, July 4, the wristbands will be \$25. Individual tickets are \$1 each. Wristbands will not be sold after 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

Fireworks prohibited in Cerritos

As Independence Day approaches, residents are reminded that fireworks – including the "safe and sane" varieties sold in neighboring cities – are not allowed in Cerritos.

Cerritos Sheriff's deputies will strictly enforce the law, which has helped protect thousands of residents from injuries and property damage. ■

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 or via teleconference. 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.

March 24, 2022

- Authorized a budget amendment for the appropriation of additional funds in the amount of \$35,123.10 from the Water Fund for Project No. 22503, C-2 Booster Pump Station Backup Generator System; and
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$80,123.10 for C-2 Booster Pump Station Backup Generator System, Project No. 22503 to Affordable Generator Services, Inc. and rejected all other bids; and
- Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute any project-related change orders.
- Waived bid irregularity and included the late-received bid as part of the consideration of all other duly-received bids for purposes of determining the award of contract; and
- Authorized a budget amendment for the appropriation of additional funds in the amount of \$61,240 from the General Fund for Project No. 22101, Citywide Athletic Court Resurfacing; and
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$96,240 for Citywide Athletic Court Resurfacing, Project No.

22101, to Cinbad Industry, Inc. and rejected all other bids; and

- Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute any project-related change orders.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2022-16, a resolution of the Cerritos City Council approving the City of Cerritos 2021 General Plan Annual Progress Report for submittal to the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2022-17, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos consenting to a request for assignment of the Integrated Solid Waste Management Services agreement to Athens Services.
- Adjourned in memory of Beth Kiyoko Nielsen.

April 14, 2022

- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2022-18, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos authorizing and implementing teleconference accessibility for conducting public meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$330,700 for Rosewood Park playground improvements, Project No. 22105, to Cinbad Industry, Inc. and rejected all other bids; and
- Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute any project-related change orders.

Rabies clinics to be held in June and July

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 Wednesday, June 15 and Tuesday, July 12.

The clinics are sponsored by Long Beach Animal Care Services and Artesia Animal Hospital, in cooperation with the City of Cerritos' Community Participation division.

Rabies shots for dogs and cats will be available for \$10, and canine bordetella (kennel cough) shots cost \$17 each. Canine coronavirus vaccines are \$15, and Lyme disease vaccines will be \$23. DHPP shots, also known as the "6-in-1" vaccine that protects dogs from distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza and parvovirus, will be available for \$19. The comparable "4-in-1" (FVRCP) shot for cats cost \$18. Feline bordetella (FIP) shots will be \$29, and feline coronavirus (FELV) shots are \$20. In addition to vaccination fees, a \$3 biohazard disposal fee will be charged for each treated animal.

Checks for vaccines should be made payable to the City of Cerritos. A driver's license number and expiration date are required on all checks. Returned checks

are subject to a \$10 service fee. AVID microchipping will also be available for \$25 per cat or dog.

In addition to an annual rabies shot, dogs four months and older are required by law to have a license. Dog licenses will be sold to Cerritos, Long Beach, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach and Signal Hill residents at the clinics. Dog license fees for Cerritos residents are \$20, or \$10 for dogs that are spayed or neutered (a certificate is required to receive the discount). Seniors ages 60 and older may purchase up to three half-price licenses per household for dogs that are spayed or neutered. To obtain a license, dog owners must show a copy of a current rabies certificate, valid for 12 months, and a sterility certificate if the dog is spayed or neutered. Checks for dog licenses should be made payable to City of Long Beach.

Pet owners must keep their dogs on leashes and cats in pet carriers during the clinics. For more information about animal licenses, call Long Beach Animal Care Services at (562) 570-7387. ■

Join Neighborhood Watch

Residents are encouraged to join the Neighborhood Watch in Cerritos, a joint effort by community members and the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center to fight crime and protect property. One of the oldest crime-prevention programs, it serves as the eyes and ears of the Sheriff's Department and has proven instrumental in keeping communities safe.

Contact the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266 to see if a Neighborhood Watch group has been formed in your neighborhood. If there is an established group, you will be provided with the name and phone number of the Watch Captain.

If there is no active group yet in your area, the Community Safety Division will help you and your neighbors start one. Ideal Neighborhood Watch groups are typically small – usually 15 to 20 households – to simplify communication among participants. A

designated block captain will be responsible for acting as the liaison between a neighborhood and the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.

While the Community Safety Division and Sheriff's Department will assist in many ways, the success of Neighborhood Watch depends largely on citizen involvement. Participants will receive Neighborhood Watch signs to post, alerting potential criminals that others are watching out for your home. Members of the watch group monitor their neighborhoods, communicate regularly with deputies and meet with neighbors routinely to stay current on new information. If a residential crime pattern is identified in the area, deputies will notify the group of what to look out for and suggest prevention strategies.

Join the City's Neighborhood Watch program at safercerritos.com. ■

Cerritos Water Quality Report available

The City's Annual Consumer Confidence (Water Quality) Report is available on the City's website at cerritos.us/ccr2021.pdf. The report indicates that Cerritos water meets all primary state and federal standards.

State and federal laws require printed or electronic distribution of the water-quality information to everyone served by the City's water utility. The report describes the City's stringent water tests, which are conducted more frequently than required by the State Health Department. The Consumer Confidence Report provides detailed test results and explains the City's water supply, which flows to customers through a system of wells, reservoirs, mains and pipes.

For more information, call the Water Division at (562) 407-2674. ■

Water conservation tips offered

With California's drought worsening and hot and dry summer months expected ahead, the City of Cerritos encourages residents to follow these water conservation tips:

- Use sprinklers or hoses during off-peak hours, such as in the early morning or evening, to reduce evaporation and interference from wind. Check the sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers to avoid watering homes, sidewalks or streets.
- Run only full loads in clothes washers and dishwashers.
- Avoid flushing toilets unnecessarily; dispose of tissues, insects and other similar waste in the trash instead.
- Don't leave the water running when washing dishes, brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Fix leaking faucets and save 20 gallons of water per day.
- Wash your produce in the sink or a pan that is partially filled with water instead of running water from the tap.
- Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run to get a cold glass of water.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk and save 150 gallons of water each time. ■

City of Cerritos COVID-19 update

Please note that the following information is current as of press time on May 18. Beginning next month, City of Cerritos COVID-19 updates will be distributed on an as-needed basis. To subscribe to Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) COVID-19 updates, visit publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus.

The COVID-19 testing sites at Cerritos Park East and Liberty Park have closed. Testing sites at the Los Cerritos Center and Cerritos College are still open. Information is available on the City's website at cerritos.us.

Public Health issued a Health Officer Order in April to note that masking in all public transit within L.A. County and in L.A. County indoor transportation hubs continues to be required. In compliance with the order, masks must be worn on the Cerritos on Wheels (COW) and Cerritos Dial-A-Ride vehicles.

As of press time, the County reported a total of 8,781 cases of COVID-19 in Cerritos and 85 deaths due to COVID-19. There were 147 reported cases of COVID-19 and two deaths in the unincorporated area of Cerritos. This represents an increase of 389 cases and zero deaths in Cerritos since the May issue of "The Cerritos News." ■

June Library News

REGISTRATION

In order to register, patrons must be in the City's RACER registration database. For more information, please visit the City of Cerritos website at cerritos.us.

CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at cerritos.us and look for the Classes/RACER link. You will not receive confirmation by mail for classes registered online.

Please print a receipt at the conclusion of your transaction and bring it with you to the first day of the event or class. For additional information, please call the Library Reservation Desk at (562) 916-1388. Computers at the Cerritos Library may be used to access RACER.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

cerritos.us

Cerritos Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., June 1 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., June 8 at 11 a.m.**

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

Cerritos Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Thurs., June 2 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., June 8 at 11 a.m.**

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., June 1 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., June 8 at 11 a.m.**



SAFETY REMINDER

It is strongly recommended that everyone age 2 and older wear a face covering when inside the Cerritos Library, per the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order.

COVID-19 WAIVER

Program participants will be required to complete a COVID-19 waiver.

The following Library programs require advance registration:

For more information call (562) 916-1388, unless otherwise noted. Seating is limited for all programs.

STORYTIMES

Cerritos Library's 30-45 minute storytimes incorporating stories and audience participation will be held in the Children's Library, in front of the aquarium. Only children registered for Storytime may be brought to the program.

Tuesdays at 11 a.m. for ages 2-5

- 8518** Tues., June 14
- 8519** Tues., June 21
- 8520** Tues., June 28
- 8521** Tues., July 5

Thursdays at 11 a.m. for ages 2-5

- 8522** Thurs., June 9
- 8523** Thurs., June 16
- 8524** Thurs., June 23
- 8525** Thurs., June 30
- 8526** Thurs., July 7

Second Saturday of the month at 1:15 p.m. for ages 2-5

- 8527** Sat., June 11

PERLER BEADS

Children will create a dinosaur of their choice using Perler beads. This fun and educational program will allow children to think outside the box and get creative. Space is limited to 12 participants.

- 8528** Wed., June 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 9-14 Art Studio

SLIME MAKING CLASS FOR KIDS

Children will learn to make slime using household ingredients. Slime-making enhances the senses and improves creativity. Participants will learn the science behind slime. Space is limited to 10 participants.

- 8529** Thurs., June 9 3:30-4:15 p.m.
Ages 7-9 Art Studio

VIRTUAL READ TO THE DOG PROGRAM

Join our BARK volunteer dog and practice reading. This program provides children with the opportunity to improve reading skills and confidence by reading aloud to a therapy dog. Each participant will receive 10 minutes at an assigned time to read to our furry friend. Children should have a book available as reading material. Participants will be emailed the Zoom information and individual scheduled reading times. Space is limited to 10 participants.

- 8530** Mon., June 13 3:30 p.m.
Ages 4-10 Via Zoom

LEGO DUPLO CLUB

Children will build and create their own LEGO DUPLO creations using DUPLO building blocks. Little ones will build and create while improving their motor skills. The library will provide the DUPLO. Space is limited to 12 participants.

- 8531** Fri., June 17 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-4 Little Theater

DINO-MITE DRAWINGS CLASS

Using their knowledge of shapes, children will learn to draw two beginner-level dinosaurs as well as create their own dinosaurs to be displayed in the Art Studio during Summer Reading Program. Space is limited to 10 participants.

- 8532** Fri., June 17 2-3 p.m.
Ages 7-9 Art Studio/
Little Theater

Afternoon Programs for all ages

All children and accompanying adults must be registered to attend the following programs.

SCIENCE ON THE GO: DIGGING UP DINOS

Travel through time with Science on the Go. Participants will learn about creatures of the past and discuss various adaptations and processes of change. Then, journey into the Ice Age as we look at how life on Earth has progressed to the land and creatures of today. Doors will open at 3:15 p.m. Space is limited to 200.

- 8533** Thurs., June 23 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

WONDERS OF WILDLIFE: THE GREATEST SHOW UNEARTHED!

Dig into the past with Terry Dactyl! Learn about prehistoric animals and meet their present day counterparts in this exciting live animal program. Doors will open at 3:15 p.m. Space is limited to 200.

- 8534** Thurs., June 30 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

CHRISTOPHER YATES: DR. RUSTY'S DINOSAUR SAFARI

Learn the story of Ty, a Tyrannosaurus who doesn't know if he's an herbivore or a carnivore! How can this be? Ty meets lots of dinosaur friends who have found themselves in Jurassic sized predicaments. Will Ty help them out, or will he discover he is in fact king of the carnivores? A great fun, original, theatrical, science-based look at the giants of the past. This show features puppetry, role play, lots of music and participation and is guaranteed to entertain and educate. Doors will open at 3:15 p.m. Space is limited to 200.

- 8535** Thurs., July 7 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

Join us as we move to music, play with toys and make new friends! Space is limited to 15 participants.

- 8536** Fri., June 24 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-5 Little Theater

SUPER SMASH BROS. SCRATCH CODING WITH CERRITOS CODER SCHOOL

Code your own Super Smash Bros. themed animations, games and simulations using Scratch! Students will learn coding's logic (loop, conditions, variables, events, cloning) and create algorithms without typing a single line of code! Recommended for ages 8-12 with intermediate reading skills and an interest in games and coding. Space is limited to 20 participants.

- 8537** Mon., June 27 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Hi-Tech Lab

3D PRINTING: DINOSAUR

Learn the basics of 3D design and printing. Students will use TinkerCad to create their own dinosaur-related projects. Space is limited to 10 participants.

- 8538** Tues., June 28 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 12-17 Hi-Tech Lab

DINOSAUR PAINTING CRAFT

Use your creativity to paint your own wooden miniature dinosaur! Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 12 participants.

- 8539** Thurs., July 7 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 5-8 Art Studio

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on Father's Day craft will be held for children ages 2-10. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

- Fri., June 10 11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-10 Art Studio

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BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "A Better Man" by Louise Penny. For more information, call Jo-Anne Alvarez at (562) 916-1340.

Wed., June 15 11 a.m.-noon Skyline Room

BEIBEI LOTUS BUD GUZHENG ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE

Enjoy the sounds of live guzheng, a 21-stringed traditional Chinese plucked-string instrument with an ancient history. Beibei roots her art in classical music and expands into other styles, combining the new and the old into creative new expressions.

Thurs., June 16 7 p.m.

All Ages Skyline Room

GRAB-AND-GO DINOSAUR CRAFT

In anticipation of the 47th annual Summer Reading Program, "DinoSOAR into a Reading Adventure," children ages 4-10 will create their own dinosaur figure using buttons and paper plates. Please pick up the kit at the Children's Help Desk beginning Monday, June 20, while supplies last.

SUMMER CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on craft featuring a summer theme for children ages 2-10 will be held in the Skyline Room. These glue-and-go crafts take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Wed., June 29 & Wed., July 6 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Ages 2-10 Skyline Room

FINDING PTORI THE PTERODACTYL

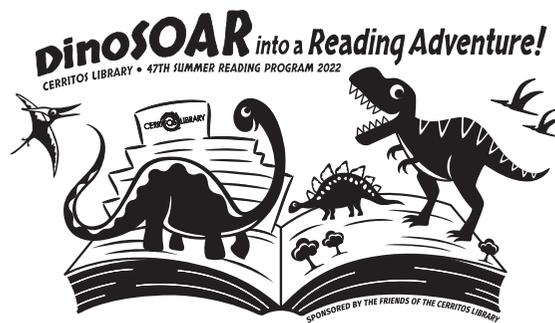
Ptori the Pterodactyl is soaring to the Cerritos Library for a reading adventure. Help us track Ptori the Pterodactyl as she travels through the Children's Library on his way to the Art Studio. Children are encouraged to report Ptori the Pterodactyl's new location to the Children's Desk each day for a small prize. This program is for children ages 4-11. Prizes will be given throughout the day while supplies last.

Mon.-Sun., June 13-19 During library hours
while supplies last
Ages 4-11 Children's Desk

SUMMER BOOK SALE

Stock up on vacation reading material at the Friends of the Cerritos Library Summer Book Sale! A wide selection of fiction and nonfiction books for children and adults will be available. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Sat.-Sun., July 16-17 1-5 p.m.
Craftsman Area



47th SUMMER READING PROGRAM: DINOSOAR INTO A READING ADVENTURE!

Cerritos Library cardholders are invited to participate in the Cerritos Library's DinoSOAR into a Reading Adventure! 47th Summer Reading Program. Children, teens and adults are encouraged to read throughout the summer. Participants will earn a book prize and tote bag for completing the program, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Cerritos Library.

Option 1—Online Registration: Pre-registration will be available through the Cerritos Library's Beanstack service from Monday, June 13 through Sunday, June 19. To access and sign-up for a Beanstack account, please visit the library's website at cerritoslibrary.us. Each participant must have a valid Cerritos Library card. Participants can log and track their reading progress in Beanstack and will need to complete their reading from Monday, June 20 through Sunday, July 17. Children will need to log 30 minutes of reading per day and will earn digital badges for completing 210 minutes of reading each week. Adults and teens will earn digital badges for every book logged (four books total).

Option 2—In-person Registration: Patrons can also register in person beginning on Monday, June 20 through Sunday, June 26. Patrons who

register in person need to bring their valid Cerritos Library card to the Children's Art Studio in the Cerritos Library. Each participant must be present to register, or their valid Cerritos Library card must be presented. A separate form will need to be completed for each person who signs up to receive their reading log. Prizes and Programs: Children up to age 12 who read 30 minutes per day (210 minutes per week) during the program will earn a book prize and Summer Reading Program Tote Bag (while supplies last). Young Adults, ages 13 to 17, and adults, ages 18 and older, must complete four books, either fiction or non-fiction, in any language to earn the book prize and tote bag. Once every reading goal is met, you can visit the Children's Art Studio in the Cerritos Library to receive your book prize and tote bag beginning Monday, July 18 through Sunday, July 31. (Using the Beanstack mobile app, please show library staff the digital completion badge earned on your mobile device. If participants registered in person, please present completed reading log.) Each participant must be present to receive their book prize and tote bag. Please visit cerritoslibrary.us for links to other Cerritos Library programs for kids and teens.

BOOKMARK ART CONTEST

Congratulations to Ahyana Gheewala, age 11, for winning the Cerritos Library's 4th Annual Bookmark Art Contest. Ahyana's design was selected to be printed on a bookmark which will be given as a prize for those who register in the Library's "DinoSOAR into a Reading Adventure" Summer Reading Program beginning the week of June 20-26.

LIBRARY DISPLAY – WHERE ART BLOOMS

The ABC Adult Education Calligraphy class presents "Where Art Blooms," a wonderful garden-themed display. The display features a variety of student artwork created over the last semester. Students are currently studying the Gothic-style art form. The calligraphy class is offered year-round through ABC Adult Education and has been in existence for 25 years. This exhibit will be featured in the library's Main Street during the month of June.

State Parks Pass available to Cerritos Library cardholders

A California State Library Parks Pass is now available at the Cerritos Library for cardholders to check out. The pass allows free vehicle day use entry at more than 200 participating state parks units.

The pass is valid for entry of one passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less or one highway licensed motorcycle at participating state park units. The pass is a hangtag and can be checked out at the Circulation Desk for a loan period of two weeks. As there is a very high demand for the pass, it is not available for a checkout renewal. Library cardholders can place a hold on the pass if it is already checked out to another patron.

Information about parks where the pass can be used is available on the California State Parks website at checkoutcastateparks.com. Participating parks include Bolsa Chica State Beach, Huntington State Beach, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Chino Hills State Park, Crystal Cove State Park and Will Rogers State Beach.

The pass will not be honored at state park units operated by federal or local government and private agencies or concessionaires. Also, the pass is not valid

for per-person entry or tour fees (such as museums), boat use, camping, group use or sites, special events, additional/extra vehicle fees, sanitation disposal use or for supplemental fees.

California State Parks and the California State Library provided the pass to public libraries across the state as an additional opportunity to advance safe and equitable outdoor access to all Californians.

The Cerritos Library has one California State Library Parks Pass hangtag and is expected to receive two more passes. The program is expected to be offered through June 30, 2024.

The 2021-2022 State Budget included initiatives to advance equitable access to state parks and open spaces for all Californians. A \$9.1 million one-time General Fund investment was included in the budget to launch a state parks pilot to expand parks pass distribution, especially for youth in disadvantaged communities. Detailed information on the new California State Library Parks Program is available online at checkoutcastateparks.com. For more information on all the new parks pass programs, visit parks.ca.gov/californiaoutdoorsforall. ■

Rosewood Park improvements approved

The Cerritos City Council has awarded a \$330,700 contract to Cinbad Industry, Inc. to perform playground improvements at Rosewood Park.

The Chatsworth-based company will remove existing playground equipment and install new rubberized surfacing along with new playground equipment. Existing sand surface material and a concrete walkway will be removed and the drinking fountain will be replaced.

The work, which will be partly funded by Community Development Block Grant funds, is expected to be completed in June. ■

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WORKS

If you see something,
say something.

(562) 860-0044



Business Spotlight

Auditboard

Auditboard was selected for the City's Business Spotlight Program in April, which showcases local businesses that foster pride in the City's community and economy.

Founded in 2014 by Cerritos natives Daniel Kim and Jay Lee, Auditboard is transforming how audit, risk and compliance professionals manage today's changing environment. Auditboard helps executives evaluate risk strategies in conjunction with their business value, enabling businesses to make decisions and move their operations forward with greater speed and clarity.

More than 1,400 companies in North America and Europe rely on Auditboard every day, including six of the Fortune 10 companies and more than 30 percent of the Fortune 500 companies.

Recently recognized by the International Cloud Awards for excellence and innovation, Auditboard ranked as one of the 200 fastest growing companies in North America.

The company is located at 12900 Park Plaza Drive, Suite 200 in Cerritos. It can be reached at (877) 769-5444.

Local students win scholarships

High school students from local schools were recently awarded \$7,100 in scholarships at the 2023 Distinguished Young Women (DYW) of Cerritos-Artesia virtual event. (The year 2023 is when these participants graduate from high school.) The DYW scholarship celebrates education and excellence in all areas of life.

The award winners are Preethi Manne (Whitney High School) – DYW Winner East (\$1,500); Eileen Rodriguez Salehi (Whitney High School) – DYW Winner West (\$1,500); Nishita Vaddella (Whitney High School) – DYW Alternate (\$1,100); Meylene Garcia (Whitney High School) – Spirit of DYW (\$300);

Preethi Manne (Whitney High School) – Interview (\$700); Makayla Cheng (Whitney High School) – Scholastics (\$700); Audrey Chang (Orange County School of the Arts) – Talent (\$500); Audrey Chang (Orange County School of the Arts) – Fitness (\$400); and Eileen Rodriguez Salehi (Whitney High School) – Self-Expression (\$400).

Founded in 1958 in Mobile, Alabama, DYW is the largest and oldest national scholarship program for high school girls. The program has provided life-changing experiences for more than 770,000 young women with college scholarships. For more information about DYW, visit distinguishedyw.org. ■

Take preventative steps against mosquitoes

As temperatures continue to rise, vector control experts stress the need for the public to take preventative steps against mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes can transmit diseases such as West Nile virus, which can cause debilitating illness and death to humans as well as birds, horses and other wildlife. Twenty percent of people infected with West Nile virus will exhibit flu-like symptoms, and one in 150 people infected will require hospitalization. There is currently no cure or vaccine for the virus.

The Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District (GLACVCD), a local government and public health agency dedicated to reducing populations of public health vectors and preventing human infection

associated with mosquito-transmitted diseases, has issued the following tips to stay safe.

- Eliminate standing water around the home. It takes as little as five days for mosquito eggs to hatch into biting adults.
- Many children play sports or are outdoors from late afternoon to the evening hours, when mosquitoes are most active. Anyone outside during these hours should wear long-sleeved shirts and pants and use insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin and oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- To help West Nile Virus surveillance and control efforts, report dead birds at westnile.ca.gov.

For more information, call GLACVCD at (562) 944-9656 or visit glacvcd.org. ■

Enjoy the Family Entertainment Showcase

Enjoy free family-oriented fun this summer with Cerritos' Family Entertainment Showcase, which includes movies, children's activities and concerts. For the enjoyment of all and pursuant to the Cerritos Municipal Ordinance 9.48.030(p), dogs, cats or pets are not allowed in the park during special events and concerts. Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is prohibited within the boundaries of all City of Cerritos public park facilities pursuant to the Cerritos Municipal Ordinance 9.49.020.

Tuesday Family Nights

Entertainment and activities for the whole family will be offered every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. through August 16 at Friendship, Frontier, Sunshine and

Westgate parks. Each program will last approximately 45 minutes and feature a pre-show craft or activity. Arrive early and bring a blanket for seating. Please note that there are no restroom facilities at Friendship Park and Sunshine Park.

- July 12 Mad Science at Frontier Park
- July 19 The Magic of Arty Loon at Sunshine Park
- July 26 Franklin Haynes Marionettes at Friendship Park
- August 2 Noteworthy Puppets at Westgate Park
- August 9 Filipino Cultural School at Frontier Park
- August 16 Prehistoric Pets at Sunshine Park

Thursday Concerts Under the Stars

The Heritage Park Island Stage will be the hottest

ticket in town this summer when exciting musical groups perform on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and relax with family and friends. The shows are outdoors on the lawn, so bring a jacket. Snacks will be available for a nominal fee.

- July 14 The Emperors (Classic Rock)
- July 21 Country Nation (Country)
- July 28 King Salmon Band (Funk/Dance)
- August 4 Midnight Ride (Top 40)
- August 11 Sangre Nueva (Salsa/Latin)
- August 18 Knight Ryder (80s)

For more information about the Family Entertainment Showcase, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

TV3 Schedule: June

City Council and Commission Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meetings

- 7 p.m. on Monday, June 6 (live), rebroadcasts: 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7 and noon on Wednesday, June 8
- 7 p.m. on Monday, June 13 (live), rebroadcasts: 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 18
- 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 23 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, June 24 and 9 a.m. on Monday, June 27

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

- 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 2 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 a.m. on Sunday, June 5 and 11 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7

Planning Commission Meeting

- 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, June 3 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8

Property Preservation Commission Meeting

- 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28 (live), rebroadcasts: 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 30 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5

Program Highlights

Mayor's Weekly 60

- 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 4; 9 p.m. on Sunday, June 5; 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 16; and 7 p.m. on Sunday June 19

San Francisco Girls Chorus in Concert at the CCPA

- 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 12

Cerritos Library Presents NASA's Universe of Learning: The Moon

- 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 11

Cerritos Library Presents NASA's Universe of Learning: Our Star the Sun

- 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22

City of Cerritos Photovoltaic Systems

- 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 18 and 11 a.m. on Tuesday June 28

Elder Fraud Prevention

- 10 a.m. on Monday, June 20

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

Calendar of Events

- May 28 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on June 4, 11, 18 and 25.
- May 30 • **Memorial Day**
• **City Hall, City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, Library, Senior Center and CCPA Ticket Office closed.**
• **Memorial Day Ceremony**, 10 a.m., Civic Center.
- May 31 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- June 1 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- June 2 • **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.
• **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
• **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on June 9 and 23. Contact Manilal Fernando at (562) 402-4700.
• **Cerritos (Mid-City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 16. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
• **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 16. Contact Dinesh Shah at (562) 650-4587.
• **Formosa Senior Association**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 16. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
• **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 17. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- June 6 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
• **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 20. Contact Virginia Harmon at (562) 477-3051.
• **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos. Also on June 21.
- June 7 • **California Statewide Primary**
• **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 21. Contact CT Chu at (562) 276-5831.
- June 9 • **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Sue Verway at (562) 926-2660.
• **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 23. Contact Julith Neff at (562) 881-9504.
• **Da' Hawaii Senior Club**, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 23. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.
• **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 6 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower. Also on June 16 at 7:30 p.m.
- June 13 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- June 14 • **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 28. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
• **Cerritos Republican Club**, 7 p.m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Mark Dameron at (562) 833-5380 or mdameron1969@me.com, or visit cerritos-republican.org.
- June 15 • **Rabies Clinic**, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Cerritos Park East, Shelter 1.
- June 16 • **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women**, 7 p.m. Contact Karen Cox at (562) 519-0596 for location.
- June 20 • **Summer Reading Program begins**
- June 22 • **Let Freedom Ring Committee**, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- June 23 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- June 28 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

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Stay vigilant during warm summer months

During the warm summer months, many residents leave their doors and windows opened or unlocked in an effort to keep their homes cool. Most residential burglaries in Cerritos are directly attributed to doors and windows being left opened. Burglars will most often use the easiest point of entry possible to get inside a residence.

It is safer to cool your home by opening doors and windows upon your return, rather than leaving them opened and increasing your risk of becoming a victim.

When the weather is warm, garage doors are also often left opened and unattended as homeowners try to ventilate the space. Cerritos Sheriff's deputies point out that a significant percentage of residential burglaries occur as a result of open garages.

Leaving a garage door open provides burglars an opportunity to inventory belongings for future reference or gain access to your home. Burglars are capable of stealing property in a very short amount of time. Passersby or vehicle occupants can quickly obtain bicycles, lawn care products, tools and other items in a matter of seconds.

Open garage doors also provide burglars the opportunity to enter a garage and close the door to conceal themselves while they try to pry open the inner door into the home.

For more crime prevention and safety tips, visit safercerritos.com. ■

Cerritos Gadabouts seeks members

The Cerritos Gadabouts is currently welcoming new members. The organization is a social club for seniors age 55 and older to enjoy activities such as bingo, luncheons and day trips. Meetings are held from 9 a.m. to noon on the first and third Monday of each month at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park (12340 South St.).

Annual dues are \$10. For more information, contact membership vice president Lea Stern at (562) 596-1545 or president Virginia Harmon at (562) 477-3051. ■

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