

The Cerritos News

CCPA announces added show, festive December lineup



Sol de México de José Hernández Mariachi returns with Reyna de Los Angeles and DanzArts Sabor México Dance Company in “Merry-Achi Christmas” on December 3 and 4 at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) is excited to announce festive December acts and an added show by husband-and-wife power duo David Foster and Katharine McPhee.

Spend “An Intimate Evening With David Foster and Katharine McPhee” on Saturday, March 4 at 8 p.m. Grammy-Emmy-Golden Globe-winning songwriter Foster is the mastermind behind smash hits such as Kenny Loggins’ “Forever,” Chicago’s “Hard to Say I’m Sorry” and Celine Dion’s “Because You Loved Me.” Singer-songwriter-actress McPhee was an “American Idol” fan favorite. Her hits include “Over It” and “Had It All.” Her acclaimed albums include “Hysteria” and “I Fall in Love Too Easily.” Tickets start at \$90.

The annual tradition “Merry-Achi Christmas” returns to the CCPA in a Mexican holiday celebration filled with seasonal songs, dance and festive merriment. Headlining the exciting extravaganza is the nation’s premier Sol de México de José Hernández Mariachi, which is joined by America’s first all-female Mariachi – Reyna de Los Angeles – and DanzArts Sabor México Dance Company at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 4. Tickets start at \$35.

Enjoy “The Best of Doo-Wop Vol. VII” in an exciting showcase of the genre’s biggest legends! Jam with Jay Siegel’s Tokens (“The Lion Sleeps Tonight”),

Peggy March (“I Will Follow Him”), Brian Hyland (“Sealed With a Kiss”), Joey Dee (“Peppermint Twist”) and Norman Fox & The Rob Roys (“Tell Me Why”). The Dukes of Doo-Wop provides a cappella delight and Chris Montez (“Let’s Dance”) is back by popular demand. The fun takes place Saturday, December 10 at 7 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$50.

Los Angeles Symphony presents a holiday concert showcasing classic Opera arias and Christmas music on Sunday, December 11 at 7 p.m. Maestro Hyun S. Joo leads 50 musicians, a 50-member choir and featured soloists James Callon, Juan Carlos and Jungwon Choi. Tickets start at \$25. This Performance Partner Program show has a no refund, no exchange policy.

The “Dave Koz and Friends 25th Anniversary Christmas Tour” returns to Cerritos with a festive, high-energy show filled with seasonal tunes and cheer. To get you into the holiday spirit, Grammy-nominated saxophonist extraordinaire Koz leads an exciting evening of festivities with special guests Rick Braun, Peter White, Keiko Matsui and Rebecca Jade. Catch them in action at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 16 and Saturday, December 17. Tickets start at \$60. There is a \$5 surcharge per ticket for digital album download.

3-D Theatricals presents the star-studded showcase “Broadway Lights the Holidays” on Sunday, December 18 at 7 p.m. This Performance Partner Program show features musical performances from WestBeat, the Voices of Hope Children’s choir and surprise special guests. Proceeds will benefit 3-D Theatricals’ Education and Outreach programs. Ticket prices start at \$25. This show has a no refund, no exchange policy.

Order tickets at cerritoscenter.com or by calling the Ticket Office at (562) 916-8500. ■

Santa’s Holiday Float returns in December

Santa’s Holiday Float returns with season’s greetings to Cerritos neighborhoods again this holiday season. The program will be offered on seven nights in December and feature a float with Santa traveling through the residential areas of Cerritos. Children will have the opportunity to wave at Santa and enjoy a festive float with music and holiday decorations.

Santa’s Holiday Float will travel through the city starting at 6 p.m. Monday, December 5 through Wednesday, December 7; and Monday, December 12 through Thursday, December 15.

Maps showing the float’s route each evening will be posted on the City’s website at cerritos.us by early December. A GPS tracker will be placed on the float

to allow residents to track its location each evening through a link on the City’s website.

In the event of rain, the float will be canceled for that evening and the route will be rescheduled to another night.

Parents are urged to supervise their children to keep them from running into the streets while the float is passing. ■

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony and contests planned

In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City of Cerritos will host a special ceremony on Monday, January 16 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 Cerritos.

As part of the City’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, the Cerritos Library is sponsoring art and

writing contests for students. 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.

All art and writing contest entries should represent the theme of “We Are One World: Encouraging Unity Through Understanding.” Contest entry forms are

available at the Cerritos Library and on the City’s website at cerritos.us. Completed art and writing entries must be dropped off at the Cerritos Library by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4. The library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue.

After judging, selected entries will be recognized at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony and on the City’s website. For more information about the art and writing contests, call the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101. ■

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.

September 22, 2022

- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2022-38, 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.
- Authorized the annual expenditure of \$60,771 to Innovative Interfaces, Inc. for the Sierra ILS subscription software and support services in accordance with the Purchasing and Contracting Policy (8.03) where the purchase of goods and services in excess of \$50,000 shall require City Council approval; and
- Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget amendment with a new appropriation of \$5,771 to be allocated for Innovative Interfaces, Inc. subscription software and support services.
- Authorized the City Manager to execute the exchange agreement and assignment of Federal Surface Transportation Program-Local and Highway Infrastructure Programs Funds between the City of Cerritos and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority in a form approved by the City Attorney; and
- Authorized a budget amendment for an increase

in revenues in the Street Improvement Fund in the amount of \$247,958; and

- Authorized a budget amendment for the appropriation of additional funds in the amount of \$247,958 for Project No. 20702, Residential Pine Tree Reforestation Program.

September 26, 2022

- Directed the City Manager to provide an agenda report to the City Council regarding the City's Social Media Program, which will include:
 - The goals of the City's social media program;
 - Descriptions of the platforms to be utilized, including Facebook Page, Facebook Group, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn;
 - A draft social media program policy, to include the appropriate disclaimers regarding public records and submission of legal notice, public records requests and official written correspondence as listed in the agenda report;
 - Description and estimated costs for an applicable social media management and archiving solution;
 - Staff time and City resources required to support the social media program;
 - Additional information relevant to the initiation of the expanded social media program; and
- Subsequent to City Council approval, launch the new program for a six- to 12-month trial period and schedule an agenda report for City Council review of the outcome of the trial period.



Contact Santa this holiday season

Little ones can email or chat with Santa this holiday season.

To receive a call from the North Pole, register by Thursday, December 8 through the Classes/RACER link on the City's website at cerritos.us. Four to six year olds (registration number 9109) must be available to chat with Santa on Thursday, December 8 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Seven to nine year olds (registration number 9110) must be available to take calls from the North Pole on Friday, December 9 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Heritage Park at (562) 916-8570.

Children ages 11 and younger can also email Santa starting Monday, November 28 through Friday, December 16. A link to email Santa will be posted on cerritos.us.

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

Overnight parking restrictions eased for holidays

Out-of-town guests visiting family and friends in Cerritos for the holidays are welcome to park overnight on Cerritos streets without a permit during the City's annual holiday parking moratorium.

No parking permit will be required from Saturday, December 10 through Monday, January 9 for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

Permits are normally required to park on City streets between 3 and 5 a.m. to help keep streets clear and allow residents and deputies to quickly spot suspicious vehicles. Overnight parking permit renewals are taking place now.

For more information, call the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266. ■

Contracts for picnic shelters awarded

The Cerritos City Council has awarded a contract for picnic shelter installations at Friendship Park and Loma Park, and a new shade structure at Heritage Park. State grants will help pay for the work.

Fino Builders, Inc. of Buena Park, was awarded the \$226,480 contract. The company will demolish the existing structures to be replaced and construct new sidewalk and concrete pads along with concrete footings to accommodate the new shelters. The work involves installing a new barbecue grill, benches and picnic tables. Interfering pine trees and roots will be removed and landscape restored.

A sign will be erected at Heritage Park noting that the work is funded by Proposition 68, which benefits state and local parks, environmental protection and restoration efforts, water infrastructure projects and flood protection projects.

The work is expected to be completed by April 2023. ■

Shop & Dine in Cerritos

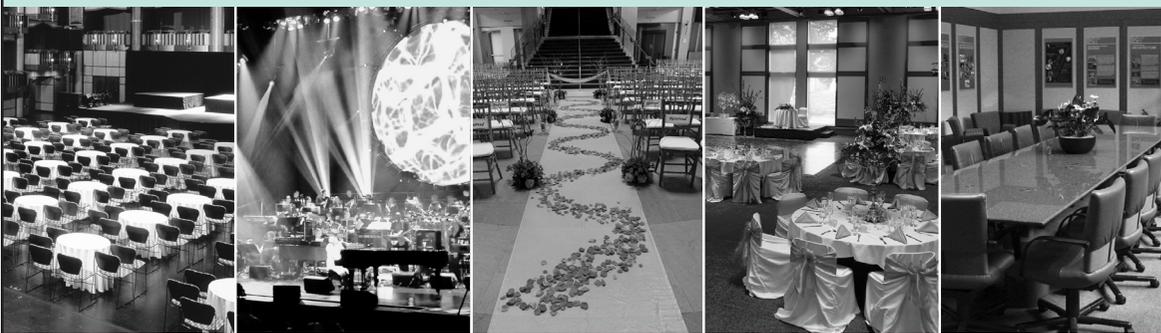
Thank you for supporting the community's local restaurants and businesses.

Please contact restaurants and shops to inquire about their services and hours.

For a list of shops and restaurants in Cerritos, visit shopcerritos.com.



The CCPA is now accepting reservations.



To request a tour or to reserve space for an event, call (562) 916-8510 or email rentals@cerritoscenter.com.

City to observe upcoming holidays

The following Cerritos facilities will be closed in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day:

December 23, 2022

City Hall, the City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, the Cerritos Library, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) Ticket Office will be closed on Friday, December 23.

Christmas Eve

The Cerritos Library and all Recreation facilities will be closed Saturday, December 24. The Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course will close at 2 p.m.

Christmas Day

The Cerritos Library, the CCPA Ticket Office and all Recreation facilities will be closed on Sunday, December 25.

December 26, 2022

City Hall, the City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, the Cerritos Library, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, the CCPA Ticket Office and all Recreation facilities will be closed on Monday, December 26.

New Year's Eve

All Recreation facilities will be closed on Saturday, December 31. The Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course and the Cerritos Olympic Swim & Fitness Center will close at 2 p.m. The Cerritos Library closes at 5 p.m.

New Year's Day

The Cerritos Library, the CCPA Ticket Office and all Recreation facilities will be closed on Sunday, January 1.

January 2, 2023

City Hall, the City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, the Cerritos Library, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, the CCPA Ticket Office and all Recreation facilities will be closed on Monday, January 2. ■

Christmas tree recycling offered

Residents in single-family homes can recycle their Christmas trees beginning Monday, December 26 through Friday, January 6 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. ■



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November 28, 2022

Season's Greetings!

The City of Cerritos wishes the community a joyous holiday season. We would like to take a moment to reflect on the past year's accomplishments.

The City was thrilled to bring back in-person events this year, including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony, Festival of Friendship, Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase, Memorial Day ceremony, Let Freedom Ring Celebration, Family Entertainment Showcase, Autumn Moon Festival, Senior Health and Wellness Fair, Halloween Festival, Veterans Day ceremony and Tree Lighting ceremony.

Earlier this year, the City launched the first phase of its new services permit portal available at permits.cerritos.us. Customers can now access all City business license services online.

In February, Jacob Park in Cerritos was rededicated as Jim Edwards Park. The park was renamed as a tribute to the late City of Cerritos Mayor and Councilmember Jim Edwards.

In March, remodeling of the City-owned property at 12616 183rd Street was completed, and the building is now being leased to Revolve Clothing, a next-generation e-commerce fashion retailer.

In April, the City marked its 66th anniversary. Cerritos was incorporated on April 24, 1956 as the City of Dairy Valley. Today, Cerritos is a thriving city built on a foundation of financial security, strong community and successful businesses.

The City Council approved the design for an art project that will pay tribute to public safety services. The artwork will be placed in front of the Cerritos Sheriff's Station and will include a sheriff, firefighter and K-9 unit.

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts unveiled an exciting full 2022-2023 Season in September celebrating the 30th anniversary of the theater. This season's lineup features popular performers such as Jay Leno, The Jacksons, Chicago, Paul Anka and Lea Salonga.

Cerritos Library launched a new eBooks for All California service, a collection of more than 40,000 eBooks and audiobooks. This free service is available to all Cerritos Library cardholders and is made possible by the California State Library.

We look forward to another productive year in 2023, and we wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Best Wishes,
Cerritos City Council

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Holiday donation programs offered

This holiday season, residents are invited to donate to local community programs, including Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree Program.

The annual Toys for Tots program, sponsored by the United States Marine Corps with the City of Cerritos, provides gifts to local underprivileged children. New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off now through Wednesday, December 14 in one of the Toys for Tots bins at Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Library, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, Liberty Park, Cerritos Park East and Cerritos Sheriff's Station.

The Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree Program helps brighten Christmas for needy children. To participate, pick up one or more tags at the Cerritos Senior Center by Friday, December 9. Each tag will list the child's age, gender, clothing size and toy request. Submit your donation, along with the original tag, to the Cerritos Senior Center on or before Wednesday, December 14.

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

TV3 Schedule: December

City Council and Commission Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meetings

7 p.m. on Thursday, December 8 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, December 9 and 9 a.m. on Monday, December 12

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, December 1 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Monday, December 5 and 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, December 9 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14

Program Highlights

Mayor's Weekly 60

7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13; 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 15; 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20; and 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 24

Active Shooter Response Seminar

7 p.m. on Monday, December 12; 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 22; and 7 p.m. on Monday, December 26

Veterans Day Ceremony 2022

4 p.m. on Saturday, December 3; 8 a.m. on Sunday, December 11; 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 15; and 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 18

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

December 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 **Thurs., Dec. 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

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

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 Little Theater. Only children registered for storytime may be brought to the program. Space is limited to 15 participants.

Thursdays at 11 a.m. for ages 5 and under

9468 Thurs., Dec. 8

9469 Thurs., Dec. 15

Second Saturday of the month at 1:15 p.m. for ages 5 and under

9470 Sat., Dec. 10

HOLIDAY MAKEUP WITH MAC

Join us for a holiday-inspired makeup program with MAC Cosmetics. Talented makeup artists will highlight the latest trends and products for the holiday season. Space is limited to 50 participants.

9471 Wed., Dec. 7 6-7:30 p.m.
Ages 10 and up Skyline Room A

PERLER BEADS

Children will create holiday designs 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.

9472 Thurs., Dec. 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 9-14 Art Studio

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING FOR TWEENS

Get in the holiday spirit by decorating your own gingerbread house. We supply the house, icing and candy, you supply the imagination! The class fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 10 participants.

9476 Mon., Dec. 12 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Ages 10-14 Art Studio

ASTROPHOTO HOLIDAY CARDS

Get into the holiday spirit by making your own astrophoto holiday card. Students will have an opportunity to use the MicroObservatory and colorize nebulas, the moon, sun or stars to create a celestial holiday card. Space is limited to 20 participants. This program is part of the Observing With NASA project that is a partnership between the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and Smithsonian Affiliations, supported by NASA award number 80NSSC19M0158.

9474 Thurs., Dec. 15 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Hi-Tech Lab

SOCK SNOWMAN CRAFT FOR KIDS

Do you want to build a snowman? Create and decorate your own sock snowman using ribbons, buttons and more! Supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 12 participants.

9477 Fri., Dec. 16 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

HOLIDAY GIFT WRAP FOR ADULTS

Botanical artist Sheena Langub will demonstrate creative and festive ways to wrap holiday presents for a loved one. Participants are encouraged to bring a maximum of two standard-size presents to gift wrap during the demonstration. The class fee is \$5 per person. No refunds will be given. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 10 participants.

9478 Mon., Dec. 19 6-7 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room A

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

HOLIDAY CONCERT BY THE CYPRESS SENIOR CHORUS

Enjoy the sounds of the season as the North Orange County Education Senior Chorus shares beautiful holiday selections, such as "Silent Night," "Sleigh Ride" and "Mistletoe and Holly." Your spirits will be lifted by the lovely choral sounds of this class from North Orange Continuing Education's Older Adults Program. Director Lee Lassetter is a local educator, organist and music therapist. The choir is comprised of older, retired adults who love to share their joy of singing with the community.

Thurs., Dec. 8 7 p.m.
Skyline Room All Ages

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on holiday craft will be held for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. For more information, call (562) 916-1343.

Fri., Dec. 9 11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "The Mystery of Mrs. Christie" by Marie Benedict. For more information, call Jo-Anne Alvarez at (562) 916-1340.

Wed., Dec. 14 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

A "FROZEN" HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Join us for a fun evening of stories, songs and crafts with your favorite winter princesses.

Wed., Dec. 14 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "ADAM'S RIB" (1949)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Adam's Rib," starring Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 101 minutes.

Fri., Dec. 16 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

NOON-YEAR'S EVE PARTY!

Join us as we celebrate the New Year 12 hours early! Crafts, games and a short storytime will be available for families to enjoy. Then we will count down the Noon Year together!

Sat., Dec. 31 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Skyline Room All Ages

ELLIE THE ELF: LOST IN THE LIBRARY FRI., DEC. 16-THURS., DEC. 22

Our elf, lovingly known as Ellie, has arrived at the library and is jumping from shelf to shelf. Ellie has started a new game at the library. Every day she is moving and hiding in a different location. Children are welcome to come in, find Ellie's location and submit the answer to receive a small prize. Ellie only hides in the Children's Room of the library. Daily clues to locate Ellie will be provided at the Children's Desk. For children ages 2-12.

OBSERVING WITH NASA (OWN) KIOSK AT THE CERRITOS LIBRARY

The Cerritos Library is hosting "Observing With NASA," an exhibit kiosk from the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory that engages visitors in the art and science of NASA imagery through the end of December 2022. "Observing With NASA" offers an introduction to the tools, data and skills that NASA space scientists and data visualization experts use to create the images of deep space that we all know and love. This program is part of the Observing With NASA project that is a partnership between the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and Smithsonian Affiliations, supported by NASA award number 80NSSC19M0158.

Library Exhibition

DREAMSCAPES BY OSCAR RODRIGUEZ

A collection of photography depicting nature, landscapes and dreamscapes by artist Oscar Rodriguez will be on display in the main lobby through the end of December. These pieces capture the beauty of the natural world that surrounds us near and far, inspired by travels to National Parks of the United States and Canada, as well as local areas around Southern California. The work features astrophotography, surreal photo composites and wildlife.

Cerritos Library seeks teen volunteers

The Cerritos Library Volunteer program is seeking dependable teen volunteers for a variety of tasks. The session runs from Monday, January 9 to Saturday, May 27, 2023.

Volunteer duties include shelving library materials, helping with arts and crafts projects, monitoring the children's computer workstations, operating the Friends Bookstore, assisting with birthday party packages and participating in the Child and Teen Read Aloud program.

Volunteer applications are open to students at least 13 years old in grades 7 through 12. Applicants

must have a Cerritos Library card in good standing and are required to successfully pass a criminal background assessment in accordance with City policy, which includes a live scan records check, prior to their start date.

Applications are available at the Circulation Desk. For more information, call (562) 916-1338 or email volunteer@cerritos.us. Cerritos Library is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. ■

Tree and concrete improvements approved

The Cerritos City Council has awarded contracts for tree and concrete improvements in the residential neighborhood bordered by Norwalk Boulevard, 195th Street, Bloomfield Avenue and Viarna Street.

Golden West Arbor Services, Inc. of Pomona will be paid \$210,000 to remove 106 parkway trees, including pine trees. The company will also plant 96 new trees, including Chinese Tallow, Pink Trumpet, Magnolia

Little Gem and Crape Myrtle trees.

CJ Concrete Construction, Inc. was awarded a \$527,799 contract to perform concrete work.

The project is funded through the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, created as a result of Senate Bill 1, which allocates funds to eligible cities and counties for road maintenance.

The work is expected to conclude in early 2023. ■

City updates hazard mitigation plan

The Cerritos City Council recently authorized an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) to be submitted to the California Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and approval. The HMP is required when applying for federal disaster grants and funds.

Under the federal Disaster Management Act of 2000, a current HMP is mandatory for every local, county and state government agency in order to be

eligible for disaster-related grants and funding. Agencies are expected to update the plan every five years.

The City's updated plan addresses the following hazards: earthquake, urban fire, disease outbreak, windstorm, transportation accident/incident, adversarial events, flood/dam failure, pipeline failure/hazardous, material release and drought. For a copy of the HMP, please visit safercerritos.com/_pdfs/hazard_mitigation_plan.pdf. ■

Be cautious of coyotes in Cerritos

Residents are advised to take the following precautions to avoid encounters with coyotes:

- 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 out-buildings may also deter coyotes from approaching.

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. The website has additional information about coyotes. ■

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. ■

Civic Center HVAC system to be replaced

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a contract for design and engineering services for the replacement of the HVAC system at the Cerritos Civic Center. This replacement design includes Cerritos City Hall and the Cerritos Council Chambers. The contract was awarded to PBS Engineers, Inc. of Glendora for \$177,272.

Design and engineering services constitute the first of two phases of the project, and is expected to conclude by mid-2023. The second phase will consist of construction. ■

Apps offered by City of Cerritos

The City of Cerritos offers various apps to make life easier for residents.

Request Cerritos: This is the City's newly branded service app that was formerly called GoRequest. Available for iPhones and Android phones, the app allows residents to make service requests. Upgrade the former GoRequest app or download the new app from the Android Market/Google Play or iPhone App Store by searching for "Request Cerritos." Residents can report issues regarding graffiti; trees – trim, roots or inspection; pothole or street issue; sidewalk or gutter; streetlight, street sign or traffic signal; debris or trash; weeds or overgrown vegetation; animal issue; code enforcement; water issue; or other.

The app uses the phone's GIS information to record the location of the service request. Photos of the

area can be attached to the service request. Once an issue is reported through the app, City staff will track it and send status reports to the resident. For more information, call the City's Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220.

Cerritos Library To Go: This app offers access to the eCatalog, event calendar and the library's YouTube videos. The app's BookLook Mobile™ feature allows users to scan or enter a book's ISBN barcode data to see if the book is in the library's collection. With the app's Smart Prefix™ search, parts of words (such as "har pot ch" when looking for "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets") can be entered to easily search the eCatalog.

Cerritos Library cardholders can access their accounts and some of the library's research databases,

download eBooks and eAudio Books and place books on hold through the app.

To download the app, visit the iTunes App Store, Android Market/Google Play or the Windows Store. For more information, call the Cerritos Library at (562) 916-1342.

Cerritos on Wheels (COW): The free app allows passengers to check the real-time location of COW buses and the arrival time of buses in service at any point along the route. Download it from the City's website at cerritotransit.com or from Apple's App store or the Android Market/Google Play. (To download from the App Store or Google Play, search for Passio GO.)

The app is provided as part of the City's contract with First Transit, the COW service operator. For more information, visit cerritotransit.com or call (562) 916-1202. ■

Calendar of Events

- November 29 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- December 1 • **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 December 8 and 22. 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 December 15. 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 December 15. 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 December 15. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
- December 2 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 16. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- December 3 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on December 10, 17, 24 and 31.
- December 5 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Virginia Harmon at (562) 477-3051. Also on December 19.
- December 6 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 20. Contact CT Chu at (562) 276-5831.
- December 7 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.
- December 8 • City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- **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 December 22. Contact Julith Neff at (562) 881-9504.
- **Da' Hawaii Senior Club**, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995. Also on December 22.
- **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 7:30 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower.
- December 13 • **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 27. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- **Cerritos Republican Club**, 6 p.m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Mark Dameron at (562) 833-5380 or mdameron1969@me.com, or visit cerritos-republican.org.
- **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos.
- December 14 • **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m., 10929 South St., Cerritos, Suite 116B. Contact Mary Ann Tipton at (562) 706-2881.
- December 23 • **City Hall, City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, Library, Senior Center, CCPA Ticket Office closed**
- December 24 • **Christmas Eve**
- **Library and Recreation facilities closed**
- **Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course closed at 2 p.m.**
- December 25 • **Christmas Day**
- **Library, all Recreation facilities, CCPA Ticket Office closed**
- December 26 • **City Hall, City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, Library, Senior Center, CCPA Ticket Office, all Recreation facilities closed**
- December 31 • **New Year's Eve**
- **Recreation facilities closed**
- **Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course and Swim and Fitness Center closed at 2 p.m.**
- **Library closed at 5 p.m.**

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City of Cerritos COVID-19 update

Please note that the following information is current as of November 14.

At press time, the County was reporting a total of 12,044 cases of COVID-19 in Cerritos and 91 deaths due to COVID-19. There were 179 reported cases of COVID-19 and two deaths in the unincorporated area of Cerritos. This represents an increase of 181 cases and two deaths in Cerritos since the November issue of "The Cerritos News." ■

2023 community calendars to be delivered

The 2023 Cerritos Community Calendar will be delivered to Cerritos residents and businesses starting the week of November 28. The 2023 calendar features a cover photo of the beautiful Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). Inside photos are of City parks, facilities, events and businesses.

The calendar also includes a directory of community clubs and organizations, a roster of elected and appointed officials, performance dates for the CCPA and dates for various City meetings and events.

The calendars will be delivered door-to-door by a delivery service. Calendars are limited to one copy per home or business in Cerritos. Residents who have not received a calendar by Friday, December 30 can request one at the City's reception desk in City Hall. ■

City job opportunities available

The City of Cerritos is currently recruiting for various full and part-time positions, including Recreation Leaders, Box Office Aides, Park Gardeners and more. For a list of current job openings and to apply, please visit cerritos.us. ■

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