

The Cerritos News

Kick off the New Year with a show at the CCPA

Start off 2023 by enjoying a show at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA).

In the tribute show “Sweet Caroline – The Music of Neil Diamond,” Jay White pays homage to the man “The New York Times” called the “Marathon Man of Pop.” Legend Neil Diamond’s career spans five decades, with record sales soaring over 125 million globally. The Grammy-Golden Globe-American Music award winner and Songwriters and Rock & Roll Halls of Famer wooed music fans with hits such as “Love on the Rocks,” “Hello Again,” “I’m a Believer,” “America” and the timeless “Sweet Caroline.” Don’t miss the exciting spectacle on Friday, January 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$40.

Laugh the night away with funnyman Jay Leno when he returns to the CCPA on Saturday, January 7 at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. With the acclaimed comedian at its helm, “The Tonight Show With Jay Leno” dominated late-night television, garnering an Emmy for “Outstanding Comedy, Variety or Music Series.” The best-selling author-speaker and a recipient of a People’s Choice Award, Leno was recently inducted into the Television Academy Hall of Fame. The show is sponsored by the Cerritos Auto Square. Ticket prices start at \$70.

Get ready to party with Royalty of Rock! Watch acclaimed impersonators bring back to life the music and performances of the late Rock legends Prince, Michael Jackson and Elvis Presley. Backed by talented musicians, the artists perform live, using their own voices to re-create the onstage magic of the iconic figures that

CCPA offers Rob Kapilow “What Makes It Great?” discounts

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) is offering a discount for students and teachers for the remaining shows in Rob Kapilow’s “What Makes It Great?” series. Tickets for students and teachers are \$20 (plus a \$3 facility fee). Regular ticket prices are \$55. The series is sponsored by George & Bev Ray.

Acclaimed composer Kapilow explores George Gershwin’s most recognized composition, “Rhapsody in Blue,” with William Cunliffe, a music professor from California State University, Fullerton, on Wednesday, February 1 at 7:30 p.m. Gershwin’s piece helped to define the Jazz Age.

Kapilow wraps up the CCPA’s 2022-2023 “What Makes It Great?” series with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s iconic “Dissonance Quartet” on Wednesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m.

To purchase discount tickets, call (562) 916-8500 or go to cerritoscenter.com and use the promo code WMIG20. ■

New CCPA website launches

A new website for the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) launched on December 14. The newly designed site features an attractive, contemporary design that is modern and easy to navigate. Visit cerritoscenter.com to take a tour of the new site. ■

shaped the history of American Rock ‘n’ Roll. Tickets start at \$50 for the 8 p.m. show on Friday, January 13.

During his storied “American Idol” run, Ruben Studdard was hailed as “the next Luther Vandross.” Dubbed “The Velvet Teddy Bear” by “Billboard,” Studdard was honored with the NAACP’s Image Award for “Best New Artist” and nominated for the American Music Award for “Favorite Male Soul/R&B Artist.” See the Grammy nominee pay tribute to the late legend with Vandross’ timeless hits — including “Always and Forever,” “Superstar,” “Here and Now” and “Never Too Much” — on Sunday, January 15 at 7 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$50.

Led by conductor Simone Menezes and bassoon player Elena Mateo Sáez, the Colburn Orchestra consists of students from the Colburn School. Now in its 19th season, the orchestra has performed throughout Southern California and Europe. Catch the orchestra on Saturday, January 28 at 7 p.m. The evening’s program includes Guarneri’s “Abertura Concertante” (1942); Crusell’s “Bassoon Concertino in B-Flat Major” (1829); and Tchaikovsky’s “Symphony No. 5 in e minor, Op. 65” (1888). General tickets are \$35; students ages 12 and younger get in for \$25. The Colburn Orchestra is generously underwritten by Eva and Marc Stern.

“The Way You Look Tonight” and “Put Your Head on My Shoulder” launched The Lettermen forever into music stardom. The Pop trio is joined by three-time Grammy winner Debby Boone, who lit up the world with the Oscar-winning No. One ballad “You Light Up My Life.” Comedian John Wing hosts while the Les Brown Alumni Big Band and Southern California native singer Nicole Kubis provide musical accompaniment at this 3 p.m. concert on Sunday, January 29. Tickets start at \$50.

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

City to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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. ■

Cerritos City Manager Art Gallucci announces retirement

Cerritos City Manager Art Gallucci has announced his retirement after leading the City of Cerritos for 31 years. His retirement date is June 30, 2023.

“For the past 51 years, I have had the privilege of working for the City of Cerritos, and I have been fortunate to serve as City Manager since 1991,” remarked Gallucci. “As I reflect upon my career, I cannot think of having a more exciting position than the one I have had here. I wish the City only the best and I am convinced that the City will continue to grow and prosper as it has in years past.”

Gallucci was appointed City Manager for the City of Cerritos in April 1991. He served as Assistant City Manager for 10 years prior to his appointment. A veteran public administrator, Gallucci was hired by the City of Cerritos in 1971.

He began his government career working for the United States Forest Service, assigned to fire suppression efforts in Idaho. This experience inspired him to pursue a career in public service.

Gallucci has been the City’s top negotiator in major commercial and office developments, including

the Cerritos Auto Square, Cerritos Towne Center and Lincoln Station Shopping Center. He has been active in the development of all public facilities, including the parks, Cerritos Olympic Swim and Fitness Center, Cerritos Library, Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts and Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. He was also instrumental in the construction of the City’s recycled water system that has saved millions of gallons of potable water.

Other major projects for Gallucci include the development of the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station/Community Safety Center; affordable senior housing projects Emerald Villas, Pioneer Villas, Ivy Park at Cerritos and Fountain Walk; the Cerritos Sculpture Garden; and the Cerritos on Wheels (COW) service.

Throughout the years he continued to manage the expansion and improvement of City facilities, services and programs. His efforts to ensure a business-friendly environment supported the expansion of the Cerritos Auto Square and Los Cerritos Center, contributing to the City’s strong fiscal position. ■



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.

October 13, 2022

- Affirmed Councilmember Johnson's request to remove Daisy "Mina" Lagasca from the Let Freedom Ring Committee.
- Accepted the settlement offer submitted to the Office of the City Attorney by Extra Space Storage, current owner of real property located at 10753 Artesia Boulevard. The settlement offer was made in response to a Notice of Default and Notice of Violation of the Cerritos Municipal Code Violation for failure to comply with recorded covenants and the City's Art in Public Places Program at the property, by failing to maintain and prevent from being removed a City Council-approved art piece called "Strength of the Maker." The substance of the settlement is summarized as follows:
 - Extra Space Storage shall pay City the amount of \$55,000.00;
 - The amount will serve as replacement for stolen art piece and Extra Space Storage is not required to replace any art piece on-site;
 - The amount shall be deposited into the City's Art in Public Places Trust Fund; and
 - The amount is deemed full settlement of the dispute.
- Authorized the City Attorney to memorialize the settlement in an agreement with Extra Space Storage. In accordance with California Government Code Section 54957.1, the final settlement agreement, once executed by the parties, will be available by request in the Office of the City Clerk/Treasurer.
- Awarded a contract to Lithographix, Inc. in the amount of \$83,508.11 for printing of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts 2022-2023 Calendar of Events, Bid No. 1479-22.
- Awarded a contract to Golden West Arbor Services, Inc. in the amount of \$210,000 for the complete removal of 106 parkway trees and planting of 95 trees (total bid), Project No. 14088, Bid No. 1473-22.
- Awarded a contract to CJ Concrete Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$527,799 for construction of concrete improvements in residential streets (total bid), Project No. 14088, Bid No. 1474-22.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2022-39, a resolution of the Cerritos City Council certifying that the neighborhood park picnic shelter installation, Project No. 20104, is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to Sections 15302, 15303 and 15311 of the CEQA guidelines;
- Authorized City staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) at the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and provide an electronic copy of the NOE to the State Clearinghouse;
- Authorized a budget amendment for the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$36,980 from the General Fund for Project No. 20104, neighborhood park picnic shelter installation; and
- Awarded a contract to Fino Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$226,480 for the neighborhood park picnic shelter installation (total bid), Project No. 20104, Bid No. 1476-22.
- Made a finding that the City of Cerritos Hazard Mitigation Plan Draft is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review; and
- Authorized staff to finalize the City of Cerritos Hazard Mitigation Plan Draft and submit it to the California Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Increased the Cerritos Library card annual fee to \$150 per year.

- Authorized the City Manager or designee to purchase and ship the "Strength of the Maker" artwork for an amount of \$55,000, with an additional 5 percent contingency for any cost overruns;
- Authorized the City Manager or designee to retain the services of a landscape architect for preparation of a conceptual site plan design in the amount of \$5,000, with an additional 5 percent contingency for any cost overruns. The conceptual site plan design will incorporate the necessary plan elements for placement and installation of the subject artwork in the Cerritos Sculpture Garden, but does not cover the costs for placement and installation;
- Appropriated funding from the Art in Public Places Trust Fund in the amount of \$60,000, with an additional 5 percent contingency for any cost overruns, for the purchase and shipping of the subject artwork and conceptual site plan design; and
- Once purchase, shipping and conceptual site plan design for the subject artwork is complete, authorized the City Manager or designee to administratively approve the expenditure of funds from the restricted Art in Public Places Trust Fund pursuant to the provisions of the City's Purchasing and Contracting Policy (8.03) for the installation of the subject artwork in accordance with the City-approved landscape plan.

November 10, 2022

- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2022-40, 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 \$260,900 for Sports Complex fencing and netting refurbishments (base bid and alternates #1, #2, #3 and #4) to Quality Fence Co., Inc., and rejected the other bids, Project No. 20106, Bid No. 1480-22.
- Awarded a one-year contract with provisions to extend up to four one-year extensions for annual painting maintenance to Genesis Builders, Inc. and rejected the other bids.
- Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute an amendment to extend the existing water rights lease agreement with the City of South Gate for an additional two years through and including June 30, 2025, for 1,000 acre-feet of groundwater for each of Fiscal Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, for a total of \$190,000 per fiscal year.
- Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute a water rights lease agreement for 700 acre-feet of groundwater by the City of Cerritos from the City of Lakewood for each of Fiscal Years 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 for a total of \$115,500 per fiscal year.
- Authorized a budget amendment for the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$70,000 from the Water Fund for Project No. 23504, City of Cerritos Potable Water Master Plan Development; and
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$270,000 for design and engineering services for the City of Cerritos Potable Water Master Plan Development, Project No. 23504, RFP No. 1482-22, to Stetson Engineers, Inc. and rejected all other proposals.
- Authorized a budget amendment for the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$42,974 from the Reclaimed Water Fund for Project No. 23505, City of Cerritos Reclaimed Water Master Plan Development; and
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$192,974 for design and engineering services for the City of Cerritos Reclaimed Water Master Plan Development, Project No. 23505, RFP No. 1483-22, to Psomas and rejected all other proposals.
- Authorized a budget amendment for the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$182,260 for Project No. 23603, City of Cerritos Sewer Master Plan Development; and

- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$432,260 for design and engineering services for the City of Cerritos Sewer Master Plan Development, Project No. 23603, RFP No. 1484-22, to Psomas.
- Authorized the Mayor, or City Manager in his stead, to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Western Audio Visual pursuant to the City's Request for Proposal (RFP) and the terms and conditions detailed in said Agreement in the amount of \$501,730.81; and
- Directed City staff to review and discuss the project design with WAV related to potential project design alternatives, identifying potential equipment supply chain delays and providing a state-of-the-art Council Chamber experience; and
- Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute a FY 2022-2023 budget amendment with a new appropriation of \$501,750, for the acquisition and implementation of Council Chamber audio/visual upgrades as stipulated.
- Authorized Phase I of the study consisting of an analysis of the City's existing classification and compensation system for both full-time and part-time City employees, for a cost of \$124,800;
- Authorized Phase II of the study consisting of an analysis of the City's existing organizational structure to ensure the equitable division of labor among City Departments, Divisions and City employees for an additional cost of \$47,500; and
- Authorized the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Cerritos and Transformance Consulting for the completion of Phase I and Phase II outlined within the associated agenda report, totaling \$172,300.
- Awarded a one-year annual contract with provision to extend for up to four one-year extensions for Citywide sidewalk, curb and gutter repairs, Bid No. 1477-22, to CJ Concrete Construction, Inc., and rejected all other bids,
- Authorized the Mayor to approve and execute the associated project participation agreement with the City of La Palma in a form approved by the City Attorney;
- Authorized a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, for an increase in revenues in the Street Improvement Fund in the amount of \$220,000;
- Authorized a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, for the appropriation of additional funds in the amount of \$220,000 for Project No. 19301, Metro Intersections (Hot Spots) Project;
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$719,398.50 for Metro Intersections (Hot Spots) Project (total bid), Project No. 19301, Bid No. 1475-22, to Sequel Contractors, Inc. and rejected the other bids; and
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$25,200 for construction administration and inspection services for Metro Intersection (Hot Spots) Project to Harzog and Crabill, Inc.
- Ratified the executed budget amendments from the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as summarized in the Budget Adjustment Log.
- Approved the City Attorney's Office to defend the City of Cerritos in the case noticed for Item 12A: City of Norwalk v. City of Cerritos (L.A. Sup. Ct. Case No. 22STCV33737). The substance of the litigation may be summarized as a public nuisance action brought by Norwalk against Cerritos based on increased truck traffic, originating from a distribution center in a neighboring city and the limitations imposed on commercial and heavyweight trucks on local Cerritos streets.
- Adjourned in memory of Central Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors member Phillip Hawkins.



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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 **Tues., Jan. 3 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Mon., Jan. 9 at 11 a.m.**

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

Cerritos Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., Jan. 4 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Mon., Jan. 9 at 11 a.m.**

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Tues., Jan. 3 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Mon., Jan. 9 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

9629	Thurs., Jan. 12
9630	Thurs., Jan. 19
9631	Thurs., Jan. 26
9632	Thurs., Feb. 2

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

9633	Sat., Jan. 14
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BABIES 'N' BOOKS

Children and caregivers participate in music, nursery rhymes, simple stories and books. The class is limited to 20 participants. Class will not be held on January 16 or February 20 due to holiday closures.

9634	Mon., Jan. 9-Mar. 20 Ages 6-25 months	11 a.m. Little Theater
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HOMEWORK HELP

An after-school homework help program will be offered for Cerritos residents. Students should bring their homework and a book to read. A parent or designated individual is required to sign students in and out of each class meeting. Space is limited to 10 participants per class.

9634	Mon., Jan. 9-Mar. 20 Ages 6-25 months	11 a.m. Little Theater
9635	Mon., Jan. 9-Mar. 20 Grades 1-3	3:30-4:30 p.m. Art Studio
9636	Wed., Jan. 11-Mar. 22 Grades 4-6	3:30-4:30 p.m. Art Studio

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT MONDAYS

Children and parents will participate in 30-45 minutes of songs and movement activities that enhance fine motor skills of the child. The class is limited to 20 participants.

9637	Mon., Jan. 9-Mar. 20 Ages 4-6	5:15 p.m. Little Theater
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PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft activity. The class is limited to 20 participants.

9638	Tues., Jan. 10-Mar. 21 Ages 3-5	11 a.m. Art Studio/ Little Theater
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MATH HOMEWORK HELP

An after-school mathematics homework help program will be offered for Cerritos residents. Students should bring their math homework and a book to read. A parent or designated individual is required to sign students in and out of each class meeting. Space is limited to 10 participants per class.

9639	Tues., Jan. 10-Mar. 21 Grades 3-5	3:30-4:30 p.m. Art Studio
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CHILD & TEEN READ ALOUD

Children who are able to read are invited to participate in special read aloud sessions. These children will be teamed up with energetic teens during this weekly program. To be eligible for this program, all participants must attend the first day of class for testing. Space is limited to 10 participants.

9640	Thurs., Jan. 12-Mar. 23 Ages 6-8	3:45-4:45 p.m. Little Theater
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WRITING CLASS FOR KIDS

Join us as Whitney High School student Tyler Liu helps participants improve their writing skills with guided essays and hands-on lessons and activities.

During each lesson, students will learn how to analyze prompts and passages, as well as how to brainstorm and organize their ideas correctly. Space is limited to 10 participants. Class will be held in the Hi-Tech Lab.

Fridays at 5 p.m. for ages 8-12

9641	Fri., Jan. 13
9642	Fri., Jan. 20
9643	Fri., Jan. 27
9644	Fri., Feb. 3

KINDNESS ROCKS

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday by creating and painting your own kindness rocks. Space is limited to 15 participants.

9645	Fri., Jan. 13 Ages 7-12	3:30-4:30 p.m. Art Studio
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LUNAR NEW YEAR GREETING CARD CRAFT

Children will decorate and create a pop-up Lunar New Year greeting card. Space is limited to 20 participants.

9646	Fri., Jan. 20 Ages 7-12	3:30-4:30 p.m. Art Studio
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KABUKI SUSHI CLASS

Children are invited to enjoy a sushi demonstration featuring staff from the Benihana restaurant located in Downey. A chef will introduce participants to the fun of sushi making and provide hands-on instructions for assembling some signature Benihana rolls. Parents or guardians are required to sign a waiver to attend this class. Waivers will be completed 10 minutes prior to the start of the class. Space is limited to 20 participants.

9648	Tues., Jan. 24 Ages 7-12	3:30-4:30 p.m. Skyline Room
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CRAFTS FOR ADULTS: YEAR OF THE RABBIT

Celebrate the Lunar New Year by crafting a Year of the Rabbit decoration using red envelopes. The fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 18 participants.

9652	Thurs., Jan. 26 Ages 18 & Over	6 p.m. Skyline Room
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BIONERDS: LEARN IN A HEARTBEAT

Children will learn about the human heart and how it functions. Participants will dissect the heart of a pig and a chicken. The fee is \$5 per child. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 20 participants.

9649	Fri., Jan. 27 Ages 8-12	3:30-4:30 p.m. Skyline Room A
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LUNAR NEW YEAR PAINTING CRAFT FOR TWEENS

Celebrate Lunar New Year by painting and decorating your own 3D Rabbit. Space is limited to 15 participants.

9650	Fri., Jan. 27 Ages 9-15	4:30-5:30 p.m. Art Studio
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GEARUP4YOUTH ROBOTICS AFTERNOON

Join us for hands-on robotics and engineering activities! GEARup4Youth has been partnering with community and public organizations, such as Boys and Girls Clubs, Girl Scouts, science museums, universities, major tech companies, schools, libraries, STEM fairs and STEM EXPOs to bring interactive STEM and technology to kids throughout Southern California. Space is limited to 35 participants.

9651	Fri., Feb. 3 Ages 9-15	4:30-6 p.m. Art Studio/ Little Theater
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The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

GEOGRAPHIC LITERACY WRITING WORKSHOP

Poet Mike Sonksen will lead a presentation about the California State Parks. He will then lead a writing workshop focusing on geographical spaces. Notebooks and writing utensils will be provided, although participants are welcome to bring their own materials. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library. The program is offered as part of the California State Library Parks Pass project.

Mon., Jan. 9 6 p.m.
Ages 13 & Over Skyline Room

WEST AFRICAN KORA CONCERT

Sean Gaskell will give a performance on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. He will feature traditional songs that are the heart and soul of the kora's musical repertoire in addition to some of his own personal compositions.

Wed., Jan. 11 7 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on winter craft will be held for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Fri., Jan. 13 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 "A Long Petal of the Sea" by Isabel Allende. For more information, call Jo-Anne Alvarez at (562) 916-1340.

Wed., Jan. 18 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

RANCHO LOS CERRITOS ORCHARD HISTORY AND RESTORATION

In a talk titled "Native Plants for the Home Garden," Rancho Los Cerritos horticulturist Marie

Barnidge-McIntyre will share a presentation about some of the best California native plants for residential gardens. The discussion will include maintenance and watering of drought-tolerant plants and the types of pollinators the plants might attract. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

Wed., Jan. 18 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "NORTH BY NORTHWEST" (1959)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "North by Northwest," starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 136 minutes.

Fri., Jan. 20 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

MEET POET RITA RAY

Poet Rita Ray will read from her book "From the Shadows." Her poetry reflects principles of love, loss and struggle. Copies of her book will be available for purchase.

Mon., Jan. 23 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

PAJAMA NIGHT

Come in your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed toy! Enjoy stories, songs and a short DVD. Don't forget to bring your pillows and blankets. Parents wear your pajamas too!

Mon., Jan. 30 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS CAMPING AND HIKING TIPS

Learn camping and hiking safety tips from a California State Parks Interpretive Specialist. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library. The program is offered as part of the California State Library Parks Pass project.

Wed., Feb. 1 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

"LUNAR NEW YEAR: READ WITH ME" READING CHALLENGE

Children ages 4-12 will receive a free Panda Express Kid's Meal coupon after reading five books through the "Lunar New Year: Read With Me" Reading Challenge. Parents or guardians may read with children who are not yet reading on their own. The challenge takes place from Mon., Jan. 9 through Mon., Feb. 6 and registration is through Beanstack. The coupon is limited to one per child and is available while supplies last.

BOOK SALE SET FOR FEBRUARY 25 & 26

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26. The sale will be held inside the library near the Craftsman Area. A great selection of fiction and nonfiction books in English and foreign languages, plus multimedia items, will be available at bargain prices. The sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 25. On Sunday, February 26, the Friends will hold a fill-a-bag sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$4 per bag for Friend members and \$5 per bag for non-members.) Come early for the best selection.

Library Exhibition

ABSTRACT PAINTINGS: "ORDER OUT OF CHAOS"

"Order Out of Chaos," a collection of abstract paintings by David Hylton, will be exhibited in the main lobby from Saturday, January 7 through Sunday, February 26. Hylton's paintings fuse extemporaneous brushstrokes with intricately painted, metaphorical patterns. The interplay between these seemingly incongruous approaches provides the viewer with both the opportunity to navigate the paintings and to make new, personally charged associations. Hylton's artwork has been exhibited internationally, and he is a professor in the Department of Art at California Polytechnic University, California.

Contracts awarded for Cerritos Park East room improvements

The Cerritos City Council has awarded contracts for various upgrades to the California Room at the Cerritos Park East (CPE) Community Center. Work at the 6,578-square-foot facility includes replacing the floor and moveable walls and installing a hearing loop.

Pacific Sound Control of Santa Ana was awarded a contract in the amount of \$246,680 to replace the moveable walls inside the California Room.

A \$38,963.25 contract was awarded to Arizona-based Otojoy to install a hearing loop system in the California Room. Otojoy previously installed systems at the Cerritos Senior Center, Cerritos Library and Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

A \$111,102.81 contract was awarded to Commercial Interior Resources of Irvine, which recently completed flooring for the Cerritos Library.

Scheduled to begin in January, the improvements are expected to be completed in April. ■

City Council approves curb and sidewalk repairs

The Cerritos City Council has authorized the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to upgrade curbs and sidewalks.

The City will allocate roughly \$230,000 to construct and retrofit accessible curb ramps and make necessary sidewalk repairs along Towne Center Drive in the Cerritos Towne Center. The work will begin in Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

The federally funded CDBG program requires the money to be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people with the goal of revitalizing neighborhoods, improving community facilities, preventing or eliminating blight and/or improving accessibility for handicapped or disabled individuals. ■

Council Chambers audio/video equipment to be upgraded

The City of Cerritos has awarded a \$501,730.81 contract to Western Audio Visual to upgrade the audio/video equipment in the City Council Chambers to provide a state-of-the-art experience. The Council Chambers was last upgraded in 1993.

Based in the City of Orange, Western Audio Visual will upgrade all audio/video equipment to enhance the viewing experience for members of the public attending in-person, streaming and watching televised meetings. The Council Chambers conference room, lobby and lighting audio/video technology will also be improved to support the most optimal viewing experience.

The project includes the installation of two 85-inch ultra-HD screens and additional screens positioned throughout the Council Chambers; updating all audio and video equipment and adding new speakers; putting in an ergonomic control room desk; and upgrading the room control system. The work also includes improving the signal distribution and switching systems, broadcast systems, control systems, agenda management systems and miscellaneous components.

The project is expected to conclude by April. ■

Parking enforcement resumes on January 10

The City’s overnight parking restrictions and enforcement will resume on Tuesday, January 10. Permits are 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.

The parking permit criteria allow two-car garage households with five vehicles and four licensed drivers to qualify for a second annual parking permit. Three-car garage households would require seven vehicles and six licensed drivers to qualify for a second parking permit.

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

Christmas tree recycling offered for residents

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. ■

Design and engineering contracts awarded for water, sewage

The City Council recently awarded various contracts related to the City’s master plans for water and sewage.

A \$270,000 contract was awarded to Covina-based Stetson Engineers Inc. for design and engineering services for the City’s Potable Water Master Plan Development. The City’s potable water system has about 182 miles of potable water main lines, which consists of some components that are about 60 years old. The project covers investigative efforts, classification of deficiencies, outlines of potential repairs and costs and a comprehensive plan for future maintenance and replacements.

Los Angeles-based Psomas was awarded a \$192,974

Timely removal of Christmas lights and decorations required

Residents are reminded to remove all Christmas lights and decorations in a timely fashion. The Cerritos Municipal Code requires that decorations and lights be removed within 15 days after a holiday to maintain the City’s park-like appearance. Therefore, lights should be removed by Sunday, January 8. ■

Renew annual parking permit online

Cerritos residents can renew their 2023 annual parking permit or request an overnight parking permit 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, online at safercerritos.com.

City parking permits are free of charge and must be clearly displayed on the driver’s side dashboard of the vehicle (left corner) from 3 a.m. until 5 a.m. A vehicle displaying a valid California DMV Disabled Person Placard does not require an overnight parking permit. A parking permit does not exempt a vehicle from the City’s street sweeping ordinance (10.12.065 CMC).

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Business Spotlight

California Nanotechnologies

California Nanotechnologies (Cal Nano) was recently selected for the City’s Business Spotlight Program, which showcases companies that foster pride in the community, provide jobs and contribute to the local economy.

Founded in 2007, Cal Nano uses cutting-edge technologies that allow metallic and ceramic products to take on unique, high-performance characteristics.

The company’s core technologies make products stronger and lighter with unique electrical or heating properties. These technologies are Spark Plasma Sintering (SPS) and Cryogenic milling. SPS uses heat to densify powder materials into a solid form. Cryogenic milling creates nanomaterials and unique customized alloys. Cal Nano’s services are geared for the aerospace, military and defense, and renewable energy industries.

Cal Nano is located at 17220 Edwards Road in Cerritos. The company can be contacted at (562) 991-5211 and calnanocorp.com.

Civic Center parking construction to begin

Construction at the Cerritos Civic Center parking garage is set to take place in early January. Certain areas and levels of the parking structure will be cordoned-off for the safety of pedestrians and motorists. Road closures, intermittent noise and traffic delays are also anticipated.

The multi-phase project is expected to extend through the spring. The work includes upgrades and rehabilitation to the parking garage and groundwater remediation.

Signs will be posted as needed to announce closures. ■

TV3 Schedule: January

City Council and Commission Meetings
Cerritos City Council Meetings
7 p.m. on Thursday, January 12 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, January 13 and 9 a.m. on Monday, January 16
7 p.m. on Thursday January 26 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, January 27 and 9 a.m. on Monday, January 30
Fine Arts and Historical Commission Meeting
7 p.m. on Thursday, January 19 (live), rebroadcasts: 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24 and 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 26
Planning Commission Meeting
7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, January 13 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18
Property Preservation Commission Meeting
7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1 and 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 4

Program Highlights
Mayor’s Weekly 60
11 a.m. on Saturday, January 14; 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 19; 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25; and 8 a.m. on Saturday, January 28
Rob Kapilow’s What Makes It Great?: Beethoven — Symphony No. 7
4 p.m. on Sunday, January 8; 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 21; and 10 a.m. on Monday, January 23
Estampas Porteñas Tango Company at the CCPA
11 a.m. on Sunday, January 1; 7 p.m. on Monday, January 9; and 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 22
Benise in Concert at the CCPA
4 p.m. on Sunday, January 1; 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 7; and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17

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

Calendar of Events

- 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.**
 - **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on January 7, 14, 21 and 28.

- January 1
- **New Year's Day**
 - **Library, all Recreation facilities and CCPA Ticket Office closed**

- January 2
- **New Year's Day observed**
 - **City Hall, City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, Library, Senior Center, all Recreation facilities and CCPA Ticket Office closed**

- January 3
- **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 17. Contact CT Chu at (562) 276-5831.

- January 4
- **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.

- January 5
- **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on January 12 and 26. 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 January 19. 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 January 19. 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 January 19. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.

- January 6
- **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 20. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.

- January 10
- **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 24. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.

- January 11
- **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
 - **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos** meeting, 6 p.m., 10929 South Street, Cerritos, Suite 116B. Also on January 25. Contact Mary Ann Tipton at (562) 706-2881.

- January 12
- **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 January 26. 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 January 26.

- January 16
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
 - **City Hall, City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, Library, Senior Center and CCPA Ticket Office closed**

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony**, 10 a.m., Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sierra Room.

- January 17
- **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos.

- January 18
- **Community Safety Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.

- January 19
- **Fine Arts and Historical Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

- **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 6 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower.

- **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women**, 6:30 p.m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Cathy Niederman at cathbowls@gmail.com.

- January 25
- **Let Freedom Ring Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Heritage Park.

- January 26
- **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

- January 28
- **City Council** meeting, 10 a.m., Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

- January 31
- **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

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City of Cerritos COVID-19 update

Please note that the following information is current as of December 19.

At press time, the County was reporting a total of 12,573 cases of COVID-19 in Cerritos and 92 deaths due to COVID-19. There were 183 reported cases of COVID-19 and two deaths in the unincorporated area of Cerritos. This represents an increase of 529 cases and one death in Cerritos since the December issue of "The Cerritos News." ■

Athens waste collection services expand, rates adjusted

The City Council recently reviewed and approved an amendment to its contract with Athens Services related to the implementation of an organic-waste recycling program and associated rate adjustments.

The City's amendment to its agreement with Athens Services employs various measures to help meet the State's organic-waste goals. Under Senate Bill 1383, organic waste recycling programs must now accept both green waste and food waste. The list of targeted waste to be placed into green carts has been expanded to include coffee grounds; bread, rice and pasta; cheese and other dairy products; meats and bones; food-soiled pizza boxes, paper plates, napkins and paper towels; and paper egg cartons.

Athens will conduct two four-hour compost giveaway events yearly, providing composting service to Cerritos residents free of charge. Athens also will host a yearly paper shredding event for residents free of charge.

SB 1383 also requires cities to procure an annual quantity of recovered organic waste products based upon each City's population. To address the mandate in Cerritos, the amendment requires Athens to provide up to 126 tons of compost to the City annually for free. This compost will be used by the City's Parks Division in landscaped areas of City facilities, and for compost giveaway events.

With the expanded organic-waste collection services, Athens' monthly residential rate will increase to \$23.89, which is lower than the rates in surrounding cities.

Approved in 2016, SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to provide organic-waste collection services to all businesses and residents. The bill aims to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2025. ■

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