

The Cerritos News

CCPA features David Foster and more in April

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) offers the following exciting musical acts in April.

Spend “An Intimate Evening With David Foster & Katharine McPhee” on Saturday, April 8 at 8 p.m. This concert was rescheduled from Saturday, March 4. Music producer-songwriter Foster has won 16 Grammys and an Emmy. The Golden Globe winner is the mastermind behind Kenny Loggins’ smash hit “Forever,” Chicago’s “Hard to Say I’m Sorry” and Celine Dion’s “Because You Loved Me.” “American Idol” fan favorite McPhee has hits that include “Over It” and “Had It All.” Tickets to see the powerhouse husband-and-wife team start at \$90.

Join the fun when “Rockin’ at the Beach” hits the shores of Cerritos on Saturday, April 15 at 8 p.m.! All-time favorite entertainer Frankie Avalon charmed generations of fans with a litany of hits, including

Arbor Week poster contest entries sought

The City of Cerritos is hosting an Arbor Week art poster contest with the theme “Healthy Trees, Healthy People.” 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 (available at cerritos.us). Completed entries must be dropped off at the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 7.

First place winners’ artwork will be displayed on the City’s website at cerritos.us starting Monday, April 17 through Monday, May 29. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

City Council awards contract for flooring replacement in Council Chambers

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a contract to Commercial Interior Resources (CIR) of Irvine in the amount of \$63,912.10 to replace carpet flooring throughout the City Council Chambers. The Council Chambers is approximately 45 years old and is currently undergoing improvements and audio and visual system upgrades.

The flooring work is expected to begin in July. CIR recently completed flooring for the Cerritos Library. ■

“Venus,” “Why,” “Bobby Sox” and “DeDe Dinah.” The show also features Dean Torrence of the Surf-Rock duo Jan and Dean (“Dead Man’s Curve,” “Little Old Lady From Pasadena” and “Surf City”) and The Surf City All Stars band. Tickets start at \$65.

Keiko Matsui, who lit up “Billboard’s” Jazz charts with the albums “Sapphire,” “Dream Walk” and “Echo,” returns to Cerritos on Saturday, April 29 at 8 p.m. Her latest album is “Euphoria.” Matsui’s unique musical formula blends Asian and Western influences, making her one of “Billboard’s” No. One female Contemporary Jazz figures and a two-time recipient of the Oasis Award for “Best Female Smooth Jazz Artist of the Year.” Matsui’s concert will feature special guest saxophonist Kirk Whalum. Tickets start at \$40.

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

Community broadband survey posted

A survey to help assess broadband needs in the community is now available on the City’s website at cerritos.us through Friday, April 21. The purpose of the survey is to evaluate the availability and overall online experience for Cerritos residents and businesses, and to help define areas of need.

In addition to the survey, a related community outreach meeting will be held on Monday, April 17 at 6 p.m. in the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sierra Room.

All residents and businesses are encouraged to participate in the online survey and to attend the meeting. ■

Keystone Plaza to be remodeled

The Cerritos City Council recently approved plans to remodel the exterior buildings and make other related site improvements at the Keystone Plaza shopping center at 13201-13223 South Street.

Built in 1977, the shopping center upgrades will include repainting both buildings in an earth-tone color scheme of browns, beiges and muted greens. The existing roof will be replaced with a brown-colored, mission tile roof to blend with the proposed color scheme.

The Craftsman design theme consists of wood siding and stucco-wrapped columns with a stacked stone wainscot and decorative cap. It also features tower elements with decorative wood roof supports that are held up by stone-covered columns. New light sconces will illuminate the building and surrounding walkways.

Keystone Plaza property owners have retained Matson Architects to perform the redesign and upgrades. Construction is expected to begin in the summer, with two phases. ■

Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular set for April 29

Cerritos residents are invited to attend the City’s Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular Celebrating the City’s 67th Anniversary at the Cerritos Sports Complex on Saturday, April 29 from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Entertainment will feature local talent and professional acts. Gourmet food trucks will provide specialty items for purchase. A fireworks display will be presented at 8:30 p.m.

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

Don’t miss Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase

The Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase celebrating the City’s 67th anniversary will be cablecast on Cerritos TV3 at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 28; Saturday, April 29; and Sunday, April 30. The show features Cerritos residents, ages 4 and older, in singing, dancing and musical performances.

For more information, call Cerritos Park East at (562) 407-2611. ■

City’s Memorial Day Ceremony set for May 29

The City of Cerritos invites the community to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29 at 10 a.m. near the Cerritos Veterans Memorial in the Cerritos Civic Center.

The event is held in honor of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation’s freedom as members of the United States armed forces.

The Memorial Day Ceremony will begin with prelude music at 9:45 a.m. The ceremony will include a presentation of colors, comments by the City Council, laying of wreaths and a moment of silence. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony. ■

Starbucks drive-through approved

The Cerritos City Council has approved a Starbucks drive-through service restaurant in the Target property at 20200 Bloomfield Avenue.

The project consists of demolishing the existing vacant Target garden center, and the construction of a new drive-through building. New landscaping and a new parking area will be installed.

Construction is expected to begin in the coming months. ■

City Council Recap

City Council/Successor Agency meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. 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.

January 26, 2023

- Reversed the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the proposed project request by the Target Corporation to permit a drive-through service restaurant at 20200 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, inclusive of Development Code Amendment 2022-1, Tentative Parcel Map 83312, Conditional Use Permit 2022-1, and Precise Plan 2022-1, and approving and certifying the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project.
- Approved the following additional condition of approval: Residual Traffic Assessment. A six-month review period shall be established from the date that Starbucks Coffee is granted occupancy to appropriately assess residual traffic impacts as a result of the drive-through service restaurant.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-06, a resolution of the City of Cerritos approving and certifying a mitigated negative declaration for a proposed drive-through service restaurant under Precise Plan 2022-1 and related entitlements.
- Waived full reading of and introduced Ordinance No. 1039, an ordinance of the City of Cerritos approving Development Code Amendment 2022-1, a request to amend various provisions of the Cerritos Municipal Code allowing for drive-through service restaurants to be conditionally permitted in the Community Commercial (CC) and Neighborhood Commercial (CN) zones, and amending regulations for the location of these uses in the City of Cerritos.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-07, a resolution of the City of Cerritos approving tentative parcel map 83312, a proposal by the Target Corporation to merge three existing parcels, and subsequently subdivide the property into two parcels. The subject property is located at 20200 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and is zoned Neighborhood Commercial (CN); and
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-08, a resolution of the City of Cerritos approving conditional use permit 2022-1, a request by the Target Corporation to permit a drive-through service restaurant at 20200 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703. The subject property is

- zoned Neighborhood Commercial (CN); and
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-09, a resolution of the City of Cerritos approving Precise Plan 2022-1, a proposal by the Target Corporation to demolish a vacant Target garden center, to construct a new drive-through service restaurant and to complete other related site improvements at 20200 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703. The subject property is zoned Neighborhood Commercial (CN).
- Directed the City Attorney to develop and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to secure a professional consulting firm that provides public agency executive management recruiting services for the purpose of having the selected firm conduct the search and recruitment process for the next City Manager.
- Established the creation of a class G group, for groups that do not qualify for class A or B community organizational approval, to be included in the City of Cerritos Use and Rental of City Facilities Policy designated for athletic groups only for purposes of participating in the City's field allocation process.
- Adjourned in memory of the victims of the tragic shootings in the cities of Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay.

February 9, 2023

- Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute a water rights lease agreement for a total of 2,000 acre-feet of groundwater by the City of Cerritos from the City of Downey for each of Fiscal Years 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 for a three-year total dollar amount of \$1,020,000.
- Accepted, filed and authorized recordation of Parcel Map No. 83312, subject to the final approval of the City Engineer.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Ordinance No. 1039, an ordinance of the City of Cerritos approving Development Code Amendment 2022-1, a request to amend various provisions of the Cerritos Municipal Code allowing for drive-through service restaurants to be conditionally permitted in the Community Commercial (CC) and Neighborhood Commercial (CN) zones, and amending regulations for the location of these uses in the City of Cerritos.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-11, a resolution of the City of Cerritos approving Precise Plan 77-30 (2023) Amendment,

a proposal to remodel the exterior of the existing buildings and other related site improvements at the Keystone Plaza Shopping Center located at 13201-13223 South Street, Cerritos, California, 90703. The subject property is zoned Community Commercial (CC).

- Approved the goals of the City of Cerritos expanded social media program, listed as follows:
 - 1. Increase the channels used to communicate with the City's various publics, including residents, current and prospective local business owners, people who work in the City and community organizations.
 - 2. Reach a broader audience by sharing information with people who access social media for news and updates.
 - 3. Announce news about City initiatives and developments.
 - 4. Enhance transparency by posting information across multiple platforms.
 - 5. Instantaneously disseminate accurate information.
 - 6. Communicate public safety information.
 - 7. Promote City programs, events and services.
 - 8. Encourage economic development; and
- Approved the launch of the official City of Cerritos presence on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn in February 2023, without allowing commenting, for a trial period of six to 12 months. Discontinue posting content on the City's Facebook group once the City's Facebook page is online; and
- Approved the launch of a Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts presence on Instagram, without allowing commenting, for a trial period of six to 12 months; and
- Approved the City of Cerritos Digital Communications Policy; and
- Approved expenditures of \$1,794 for a subscription to ArchiveSocial social media archiving software and a \$96 for Twitter Blue subscription; and
- Directed staff to schedule an agenda report for City Council review of the outcomes of the trial period six to 12 months after the launch of the expanded social media program.

2023 public meeting schedule modified

A few additional changes have been made to the 2023 public meeting schedule as follows:

- The Mayoral Transition will take place on Wednesday, April 19 in the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts main theater.
- The City Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 13 has been canceled.
- A special City Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 17 (in lieu of the July 13 meeting).

The fully revised schedule can be found on the calendar section of the City's website at cerritos.us. ■

Registration now open for opportunity to purchase City-owned senior affordable housing unit

The City of Cerritos is pleased to announce the availability of three City-owned affordable senior condominium units in the gated community Emerald Villas for purchase through a lottery process. Two units are currently available for purchase, and one unit will be available soon.

The Emerald Villas community is located on Carmenita Road and Houston Avenue. Prospective buyers must meet the community's age restriction of 62 years of age or older and be a U.S. citizen or a U.S. permanent resident. They cannot own any additional property and must meet income requirements. A one-person household cannot exceed \$41,700 gross annual income for the very-low income units or \$76,500 for the moderate-income unit. A two-person household's gross annual income must be less than \$47,650 for the very low income units or less than \$87,450 for the moderate income unit.

All built in 1999, two of the condos are one bedroom, one bath; the third unit is a two bedroom, two

bath home. They all come with a one-car garage and range from 733 to 1,001 square feet. Estimated prices will range from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Tours will be offered only to qualified and verified applicants selected by way of the lottery.

The units must be owner-occupied and cannot be rented out. Only the approved low-income senior may live in the unit; children or other family members who have not been approved by the City are not permitted to live permanently in the unit.

Lottery registration forms are available at Cerritos City Hall (18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos) and on the City's website at cerritos.us. Completed forms must be submitted in-person to City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 28. Residents can submit only one form.

The lottery to select the prospective homeowners will be held at or before a City Council meeting following the registration period. All potential buyers picked in the lottery will be required to undergo a compliance review for qualifications. ■

April 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 **Sat., Apr. 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Sat., Apr. 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 20 participants.

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

10129 Thurs., Apr. 20

10130 Thurs., Apr. 27

10131 Thurs., May 4

Second Saturday of the month at 11:15 a.m. for ages 5 and under

10132 Sat., Apr. 8

UPCYCLED CRAFT

Join us and create an upcycled craft for Earth Day. Space is limited to 20 participants.

10133 Mon., Apr. 10 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 7-10 Art Studio

BUILD A BRUSH BOT WORKSHOP

Students from Whitney High School Robotics Club will lead participants in a simple building activity. Space is limited to 20 participants.

10134 Tues., Apr. 11 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-11 Art Studio

DISCOVERY CUBE ELECTRIC MOTORS CLASS

Students will learn about the connection between electricity and magnetism as they explore electromagnetic fields and build their own electric motor to take home. Space is limited to 20 participants.

10135 Thurs., Apr. 13 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 7-9 Art Studio

NATURE WALK TOTE BAG

Decorate a personalized tote bag that you can use when you visit one of the many local and state parks and discover the outdoors. Canvas bags, stencils and markers will be provided. Space is limited to 12 participants per class. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

10137 Thurs., Apr. 13 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline B

10138 Fri., Apr. 21 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 9-14 Art Studio

PERLER BEADS FOR TWEENS

Tweens will create designs of their choice using Perler beads. This fun and educational program will allow children to think outside the box and be creative. Space is limited to 10 participants.

10136 Fri., Apr. 14 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 9-14 Art Studio

SPRING BREAK MOVIES

The following movies will be shown at 2 p.m. in the Little Theater. All children and accompanying adults must be registered to attend. Space is limited to 35 participants.

10139 Mon., Apr. 10
"Lightyear" (PG)

10140 Tues., Apr. 11
"Minions: The Rise of Gru" (PG)

10141 Wed., Apr. 12
"The Bad Guys" (PG)

BOOKMARK ART CONTEST

Participants will create a design based on this year's Summer Reading Program theme: "Find Your Voice." One design will be selected and printed on a bookmark to be given as a prize during the Summer Reading Program. Children will have two sessions to complete their design. Space is limited to 15 participants.

10142 Thurs., & Fri.,
Apr. 20 & 21 5-6:30 p.m.
Ages 7-11 Art Studio

FREESTYLE FLORAL ARRANGING WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS

Sheena Langub of Rooted Harmony will teach basic skills of both traditional and Japanese styles of floral arranging. A miniature vase arrangement and a freestyle Ikebana design will be the main focus of the course. Fee is \$5. No refunds. Space is limited to 15 participants.

10143 Thurs., April 27 6-7 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline B

WRITING CLASS FOR KIDS

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

10144 Fri., Apr. 14-May 5 5 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Hi-Tech Lab

STAR WARS PAINT PARTY

Use the force and a paintbrush to create a scene from the Star Wars story.

10145 Wed., May 3 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

STAR WARS DAY

May the 4th is the worldwide day to say, "May the Force be with you" to all and celebrate the Star Wars story, the beloved saga that binds our galaxy together. All ages are welcome and everyone is encouraged to come in costume as their favorite "Star Wars" character. Join in the festivities and be sure to register for the following programs.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THURS., MAY 4:

STORYTIME

Join us for special Star Wars-themed storytime and dress up as your favorite character.

10146 Thurs., May 4 3:30-4 p.m.
Ages 5-8 Little Theater

LIGHTSABER CRAFT

(Space is limited to 24 participants)

10147 (Pre-registered/
Session 1) 4 p.m.
Art Studio

10148 (Pre-registered/
Session 2) 4:30 p.m.
Art Studio

STAR WARS DRAWING CLASS FOR KIDS

Children will learn how to create two popular Star Wars characters. Space is limited to 20 participants.

10151 Thurs., May 4 4:45-5:45 p.m.
Ages 5-8 Art Studio

"30-DAY STATE PARK PASS GREAT OUTDOORS" FAMILY CHALLENGE

Families are encouraged to explore local state parks and beaches while completing a variety of fun activities using a California State Library Parks Pass. The challenge takes place Monday, April 10 through Wednesday, May 10 and registration is available in RACER. Participants will pick up the challenge activity log from the Children's Help Desk. Take a photo of each completed challenge activity and show it to the staff at the Children's Desk to receive a stamp. Complete a minimum of 10 challenges to receive one free book. One family member only is required for registration. The book prize is limited to one per family and is available while supplies last. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

10159 Children's Desk

BABIES 'N' BOOKS

Children and caregivers participate in music, nursery rhymes, simple stories and books. The class is limited to 20 participants. For more information, call (562) 916-1343.

10152 Mon.,
Apr. 17-May 22 11 a.m.
Ages 6-25 mos. 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.

10153 Mon.,
Apr. 17-May 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grades 1-3 Art Studio

10154 Wed.,
Apr. 19-May 24 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grades 4-6 Art Studio

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT MONDAYS

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

10155 Mon.,
Apr. 17-May 22 5:15 p.m.
Ages 4-6 Little Theater

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

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

10156 Tues.,
Apr. 18-May 23 11 a.m.
Ages 3-5 Art Studio
/Little Theater

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 15 participants per class.

10157 Tues.,
Apr. 18-May 23 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grades 3-5 Art Studio

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 15 participants. No class Thursday, May 4.

10158 Thurs.,
Apr. 20-May 25 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 6-8 Little Theater

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

ANIME FILM: "NAUSICÄ OF THE VALLEY OF THE WIND" (1984)

Join us for a screening of the film "Nausicä of the Valley of the Wind" (1984). Popular Japanese snacks will be provided, while supplies last. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 117 minutes.

Wed., Apr. 5 3:45 p.m.
Ages 13 & Over Skyline Room

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

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

Fri., Apr. 7 11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "OCEAN'S 11" (1960)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Ocean's 11," starring Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 127 minutes.

Fri., Apr. 14 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

CLASSICAL MUSIC SPRING CONCERT

Violinist Paul Stein, a member of the Los Angeles Philharmonic for 36 years, and pianist Ralph Alberstrom will perform duet classical pieces.

Tues., Apr. 18 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Wed., Apr. 19 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate Earth Day at the Cerritos Library! Join us as we create UV color-changing beaded bracelets, upcycled flowers, junk mail bookmarks and examine the importance of the sun through other related STEM activities.

Sat., April 22 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Ages 4-12 Children's Library

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on Mother's Day craft will be held in the Art Studio for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

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

TAKE & MAKE: S'MORES KIT

Families will be provided s'mores kits with instructions and supplies that include milk chocolate bars, marshmallows and graham crackers to enjoy a s'more at home or at the state parks. One kit per family. An adult must be present to receive the kit. Please pick up the kit at the Children's Help Desk beginning Monday, April 17, while supplies last. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

GRAB-AND-GO CAMPFIRE CRAFT

Children ages 4-10 will be provided with materials to create a campfire craft. Please pick up the kit at the Children's Help Desk beginning Thursday, April 20, while supplies last. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

BOOK SALE SET FOR MAY 6

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, May 6. 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. Come early for the best selection.

Library Exhibition

BOOK ART COLLECTION

When an artist creates a work and incorporates any aspect of a traditional book form, however subtle or obscure, it qualifies as an artist's book. Creativity and craftsmanship combine to produce books designed to provoke thought, discussion and emotional responses in viewers. Artists Books from the library's collection will be exhibited during March and April in the main lobby.

FIGURINES OF READING CHILDREN

A display of figurines depicting children reading is on display in the Children's area of the library through Sunday, April 30. The delightful figurines are from the collection of Benny Wasserman and are featured in celebration of National Library Week 2023, which takes place April 23-29.

Cerritos Library seeks teen volunteers

The Cerritos Library Volunteer program is seeking dependable teen volunteers for a variety of tasks. Applications for the 2023 summer session will be available on Monday, April 10. The session runs from Monday, June 19 through Saturday, August 5.

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 will be available at the Circulation Desk. For 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. ■

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

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Residential organic waste recycling program in effect

The City's new residential organic waste recycling program expands the list of items to be placed in your green trash cart to include both green waste and food waste. Below are lists of acceptable items to now dispose in your green cart.

Green Waste

- Flower and hedge trimmings
- Grass clippings
- Leaves and branches
- Lumber, scrap wood and plywood (not painted or treated)
- Weeds

Food Scraps

- Bread, rice and pasta
- Cheese and dairy
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Fruits and vegetables
- Flowers and herbs
- Meat, bones and poultry
- Seafood and soft shells
- Pet food (non-medicated)

Food-Soiled Paper

(Must be 100 percent fiber-based. No materials with petroleum-based plastic, wax or bioplastic coating, liner or laminate.)

- Food-stained paper
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper napkins and kitchen paper towels
- Pizza boxes
- Plates

- To-go boxes (no coating)
- Wood and fiber-based utensils

Unacceptable Items for Green Cart

- All plastics
- Cacti, succulents and yucca
- Compostable plastics (bioplastics)
- Coffee cups and pods
- Fats, oils and grease
- Food stickers (please remove from items)
- Gloves
- Hard shells (clams, mussels, oysters)
- Medication
- Palm fronds
- Paper napkins and paper towels with cleaning chemicals
- Parchment and wax paper
- Pet waste
- Rocks and soil
- Rubber bands and twist ties
- Tea bags
- Textiles
- Tissues and wet wipes

Under Senate Bill 1383, organic waste recycling programs must now accept both green waste and food waste. 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.

For more information about the City's new residential organic waste recycling program, all the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220. ■

South Street sewer to be repaired

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a contract to Torres Sanitation Systems Construction in the amount of \$95,000 to replace sections of the South Street sewer east of Pioneer Boulevard. The sewer line serves the Lincoln Station shopping center and other surrounding businesses.

The South Gate-based company will remove and replace deficient sewer lines, replace asphalt, conduct traffic control and perform striping necessary to complete the project.

The project is scheduled to begin in the spring. ■

Cerritos streets to be evaluated

Infrastructure Management Services (IMS) has been awarded a \$49,995 contract by the Cerritos City Council to evaluate current street conditions and update the Cerritos Pavement Management Program.

The program tracks the conditions of approximately 145 miles of concrete and asphalt concrete paved streets for the purpose of prioritizing street repairs and planning future expenditures.

IMS will perform pavement surface distress surveys, rutting and roughness surveys and deflection surveys. ■

Business Spotlight

Fremont University

Fremont University 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.

With roots tracing back to Platt College's 1879 founding in St. Joseph, Missouri, Fremont University established its Southern California campus in 1986.

Fremont University's mission is to close the gap between the traditional classroom and the 21st-century workplace by providing an effective educational experience based on innovative instructional methods. The university offers diploma, certificate, associate, bachelor and master's degree programs in various fields, including healthcare, business and paralegal studies.

The college is fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges and was recognized as a 2008-2009 and 2011-2012 School of Distinction and a 2013-2014 School of Excellence. Fremont University is also approved to operate by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education. Its Paralegal Studies Program is one of only 33 in the State of California that is approved by the American Bar Association. Fremont University's Sports & Rehabilitation Therapy and Massage Therapy programs are approved by the California Massage Therapy Council.

Fremont University participates in federal financial aid programs, which provide grants and loans to eligible students, and is approved for the training of veterans. The university was named a 2020-2021 Military Friendly School, which is awarded to the top colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace military students and to dedicate resources to ensure their success in the classroom and after graduation.

Fremont University is located at 18000 Studebaker Road, Suite 900A, in Cerritos. The school's website is fremont.edu and it can be reached at (562) 809-5100.

TV3 Schedule: April

City Council and Commission Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meetings

7 p.m. on Monday, April 10 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, April 14 and 9 a.m. on Monday, April 17

7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19 (live): Mayoral Transition, rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, April 21 and 9 a.m. on Monday, April 24

7 p.m. on Monday, April 24 (live), rebroadcasts: 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 25 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26

7 p.m. on Thursday, April 27 (live), rebroadcasts: 9 p.m. on Friday, April 28 and 9 a.m. on Monday, May 1

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, April 7 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12

Property Preservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25 (live), rebroadcasts: 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2

Program Highlights

Mayor's Weekly 60

8 a.m. on Saturday, April 1; 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 2; 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5; and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13

2023 Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase

7 p.m. on Friday, April 28; 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 29; and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 30

Cerritos Library Volunteers

10 a.m. on Monday, April 3; 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11; 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 15; and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 20

Are You Prepared?

11 a.m. on Saturday, April 1; 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6; and 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 20

The Four Italian Tenors in Concert at the CCPA

8 p.m. on Sunday, April 2; 7 p.m. on Friday, April 7; and 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 22

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

Calendar of Events

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- April 1 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on April 8, 15, 22 and 29.
 - April 2 • **Weekend community center hours change to 10 a.m.-8 p.m.**
 - April 4 • **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos.
 - April 5 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sierra Room.
• **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.
 - April 6 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on April 13 and 27. Contact Manilal Fernando at (562) 402-4700.
• **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 6 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower. Also on April 20.
 - April 9 • **Library closed**
 - April 10 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Council Chambers.
 - April 12 • **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos** meeting, 6 p.m., 10929 South Street, Cerritos, Suite 116B. Also on April 26. Contact Mary Ann Tipton at (562) 706-2881.
 - April 13 • **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Sue Verway at (562) 926-2660.
• **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women**, 6:30 p.m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Cathy Niederman at cathbowls@gmail.com.
 - April 17 • **Citywide Fiber Optic Feasibility Study/Master Plan Community Outreach Meeting**, 6 p.m., Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.
 - April 19 • **Mayoral Transition**, 7 p.m., Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.
 - April 24 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Council Chambers.
• **67th Anniversary of the City's Incorporation**
 - April 25 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Council Chambers.
 - April 27 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Council Chambers.
 - April 29 • **Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular Celebrating the City's 67th Anniversary**, 4-8:30 p.m., Cerritos Sports Complex.

City of Cerritos COVID-19 update

Please note that the following information is current as of March 21.

At press time, the County was reporting a total of 13,225 cases of COVID-19 in Cerritos and 105 deaths due to COVID-19. There were 192 reported cases of COVID-19 and two deaths in the unincorporated area of Cerritos. This represents an increase of 150 cases and six deaths in Cerritos since the March issue of "The Cerritos News." ■

New City social media channels launched

The City of Cerritos has launched new social media channels, including a Facebook page and Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts. An Instagram account also has been started for the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The new social media channels present information of interest to the local community in a timely and convenient manner.

The Cerritos City Council approved the launch of the new channels for a six- to 12-month trial period. The Council also approved a new Digital Communications Policy that addresses the use of social media by staff, City officials and the public. For the trial period, commenting on posted materials will be unavailable.

The City launched a Facebook group in 2020. Content will no longer be posted on the Facebook group. The CCPA currently has a Facebook page and Twitter account.

Links to join the City's social media channels are available on the City's website at cerritos.us. To access the CCPA's social media channels, visit cerritoscenter.com. ■

Be cautious of coyotes in Cerritos

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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. ■

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