

The Cerritos News

CCPA welcomes fan favorites

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) closes out the 2022-2023 Season with Tony winner and Broadway powerhouse Lea Salonga on Saturday, June 3 at 8 p.m. The show is sold out.

The CCPA is excited to announce a pre-season show by Boz Scaggs on Saturday, August 19 at 8 p.m. Scaggs lit up the scene with gems such as the Grammy-nominated Blues collection “Come on Home” and the No. One “But Beautiful.” His acclaimed album “Silk Degrees” delivered the Top 40 hit “Lido Shuffle” and the Grammy-winning “Lowdown.” His latest album is “Out of the Blues.” Tickets start at \$69.

The CCPA also is pleased to present a pre-sale opportunity for 98° and All-4-One, which will be part of the 2023-2024 Season. The show will be held on

Tuesday, October 3 at 7 p.m., with tickets starting at \$79. It’s sure to be a sizzling night as Pop culture icons 98° and All-4-One take the Cerritos stage. Opening the show is the Grammy-winning quartet All-4-One, which delighted music fans with the hits “I Can Love You Like That,” “So Much in Love” and “I Swear,” which has been named by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers as one of the greatest love songs of the 20th Century. Hot boy band 98° rocked the music charts with “Give Me Just One Night (Una Noche),” “Because of You,” “The Hardest Thing” and “Thank God I Found You.”

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

50th Annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration planned

The 50th Annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration will take place on Tuesday, July 4 from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Cerritos Civic Center. The event will include entertainment, food trucks, games, rides and a bell-ringing ceremony. The event culminates with a spectacular fireworks show at 9 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair to view the fireworks. Barbecues and picnicking are not allowed.

Discounted all-day ride wristbands, available for \$30 through 4 p.m. Monday, July 3, can be purchased at the Recreation Services Division counter at Cerritos City Hall (while supplies last). On Tuesday, July 4, the wristbands will be \$35. Wristbands will not be sold after 7:30 p.m. on July 4. Individual tickets are \$1.50 each.

The City is seeking past Let Freedom Ring Committee members to recognize and take part in this year’s celebration. If you are a past Let Freedom Ring Committee member, please contact Recreation Superintendent Sherre’ Titus at (562) 916-1254, or email your information to recreation@cerritos.us.

For more information about the Let Freedom Ring Celebration, call (562) 916-1254. ■

Cerritos City Council reorganizes

Bruce W. Barrows was selected as Mayor of the City of Cerritos and Naresh Solanki as Mayor Pro Tem by their colleagues during the City Council’s annual reorganization meeting and mayoral transition at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on April 19.

Barrows was unanimously appointed to the Cerritos City Council in May of 2020 to fill a declared vacancy in the office of City Councilmember and was named Mayor Pro Tem in 2022. Barrows was first elected to the Cerritos City Council in April 1994 and was re-elected in 1999. After sitting out due to term limits, Barrows was elected to the City Council again in 2007 and re-elected in 2011. He served as Mayor in 1997–1998, 2002–2003, 2009–2010 and 2013–2014. Prior to his election to the City Council in 1994, Barrows served six years on the City’s Planning Commission.

Barrows is a member of the City’s Budget/Finance, City Charter Review, Disaster Preparedness/Emergency Management, Legislative, MIS/Technology, Personnel, Policies and Procedures, Protocol Manual and West Santa Ana Branch committees. He is the City’s delegate to the ECO-Rapid Transit Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors and previously served as president of the organization. He is also the delegate to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments 91/605/405 Corridor Cities Committee. He is an alternate delegate to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors, Los Angeles County City Selection Committee and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Board of Directors (Districts 2, 3, 18 & 19).

He served as chairman of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments from 2000–2001. He has served as the president of the League of California Cities – Los Angeles Division and as a member of the League of California Cities’ Revenue and Taxation Committee. He has also served on the League of California Cities Annual Planning Committee; the League of California Cities Transportation, Communications & Public Works Policy Committee; and the Executive Board and Legislative Committee, Los Angeles Division.

Barrows served on the Regional Council, Legislative Committee and Transportation Committee for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). He was the regional representative to SCAG for 15 years and served on the Transportation Committee and as vice chair of the High Speed MagLev Task Force. He has also served as a member of the United States Conference of Mayors Transportation and Arts Committee. In 2012, he was appointed to the Board of Advisors for the University of Southern California Price Executive Education Program/School of Public Policy.

Solanki was elected to the Cerritos City Council in 2015 and re-elected in 2020. He became Mayor Pro Tem in 2016 and 2018 and Mayor in 2019 and 2020. A Cerritos resident since 1988, Solanki previously served as a Cerritos Planning Commissioner from 2007 to 2015.

Solanki is a liaison to the City’s Auto Mall, Budget/Finance, Business/Industry and West Santa Ana Branch Transit Project committees. He serves as the Council’s delegate to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors and Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board Policy Board. He is the City’s alternate delegate to the ECO-Rapid Transit Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors, League of California Cities and Cal Cities Los Angeles Regional Division, League of California Cities 2022 Annual General Assembly, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Board of Directors (Districts 2, 3, 18 & 19) and Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors.

Solanki is a member of the Cerritos Optimist Club and the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce, and supports local chapters of the Lions Club and Rotary Club. He owns and is the CEO/President of retail grocery supermarkets and is also in the hospitality business.

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

Fireworks prohibited in Cerritos

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

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

Cerritos Sculpture Garden adds “Strength of the Maker” piece

The City recently acquired and installed the “Strength of the Maker” art piece in the Cerritos Sculpture Garden. Created by Colorado artist Denny Haskew, the sculpture replaces the piece that was previously located in front of the Extra Space Storage on Artesia Boulevard.

“Strength of the Maker” depicts a Native American man bending a bow across his back. The bronze sculpture represents the strength of a higher power that created nature and man. It measures 60 inches high and 60 inches wide including the bow.

A member of the Potawatomi citizen nation, Haskew creates art that reflects the Native American and southwestern culture. His work reflects themes of spirit, love, forgiveness, healing, endurance and strength. Another Haskew piece, “Luminaire,” is located at the Transpacific Development Company office building in the Cerritos Towne Center. ■

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.

March 9, 2023

- Made the findings set forth in Sections one through eight of Resolution No. 2023-05, and incorporated by reference those findings, as they relate to the continued existence of a local emergency concerning a gasoline leak from a privately owned existing pipeline on the Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course; and
- Directed staff to provide a report to the City Council regarding the local emergency at least once every 60 days, pursuant to Section 8630(c) of the California Government Code, until the City Council terminates the local emergency.
- Authorized the Mayor to execute the associated project funding agreement with the City of Artesia; and
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$1,736,375 for the Gridley Road Street Rehabilitation (total bid), Bid No. 1491-23, to Hardy & Harper, Inc. and rejected the other bids.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Ordinance No. 1040, an urgency ordinance of the City of Cerritos enacting a moratorium on the establishment and/or operation of tattoo establishments, and prohibiting the issuance of permits, licenses and other land use entitlements related thereto within the City for 45 days; and
- Waived full reading of and adopted Ordinance No. 1041, an urgency ordinance of the City of Cerritos extending a moratorium on the establishment and/or operation of tattoo establishments, and prohibiting the issuance of permits, licenses and other land use entitlements related thereto within the city for an additional 10 months and 15 days.
- Approved Options 1A and 2A listed in the associated agenda report, detailed as follows and as amended to:
 - Continue providing fixed-route COW and demand response Dial-A-Ride services on a month-to-month basis upon expiration of the existing agreements on June 30, 2023; and
 - Solicit proposals for a consultant to conduct an analysis of the existing services for the purpose of formulating recommendations on how best to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness system-wide, and to aid in the selection of new contractors for the continuation of services. Such analysis shall include the formulation of recommendations related to the following:
 - COW routes and schedules
 - Dial-A-Ride service areas and operational hours; and
 - Consideration for both services to be 100 percent contracted, including the requirement for the service provider/contractor to supply and maintain vehicles in support of the services; and

- Feasibility and costs associated with greater connectivity to City business and commercial centers; and
- Directed staff to notify ABC Unified School District administration of the City's upcoming comprehensive review of the fixed-route COW and demand response Dial-A-Ride programs and that a potential outcome of the review could include modification or discontinuation of the services.
- Received and filed the Fiscal Year 2021-22 City of Cerritos Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

April 10, 2023

- Awarded a contract for printing of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts 2023-2024 Season Brochure, Bid No. 1493-23, to Southwest Offset Printing in the amount of \$145,456.86.
- Awarded a contract for construction of asphalt improvements in residential streets, Project No. 14088, Bid No. 1494-23, to Onyx Paving Company, Inc. in the amount of \$622,000 (total bid), and rejected the other bids.
- Made a finding that the City's Updated Hazard Mitigation plan is exempt from CEQA review; and
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-12, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos adopting the City's updated hazard mitigation plan.
- Awarded a contract for CDBG-funded residential curb ramps and sidewalk repairs, Project No. 20303, Bid No. 1490-23, to Kalban, Inc. in the amount of \$650,905.00 (total bid) and rejected the other bids.
- Awarded a professional services agreement to Ralph Andersen & Associates for public agency executive management recruiting services to conduct the search for the next City Manager, inclusive of a fixed fee of \$32,000. Additionally, should the City wish to conduct reference calls to more than one candidate, a background fee of \$1,800 per candidate will be charged, with a provision of an optional community survey service for an additional \$3,500; and
- Authorized the Mayor or City Manager to execute the associated professional services agreement; and
- Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute any service-related amendments, in accordance with the professional services agreement and City's adopted Purchasing and Contracting Policy; and
- Approved a budget adjustment to and appropriation from the Fiscal Year 2022-23 City Budget in an amount to cover the award of the professional services agreement to the selected firm and associated costs related to the City Manager recruitment process.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-13, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos amending Resolution No. 2022-34, revising Article 5, General Compensation and Classification and Article 26, Health and Life Insurance, to provide for certain adjustments in the employment system and the personnel policies,

- for full-time non-exempt employees represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 619; and
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-14, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos amending Resolution No. 2022-35, revising Section 4, Part-Time Temporary Salary And Benefit Administration Policies, to provide for certain adjustments in the employment system and the personnel policies, for all part-time temporary employees, including temporary part-time employees represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 619; and
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-15, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos amending Resolution No. 2022-36, revising Section 4, Part-Time Confidential Temporary Salary And Benefit Administration Policies, Section 7, General Salary Schedule, and Section 26, Health And Life Insurance, and amending Resolution No. 2021-31, revising Section 17, Expense Allowances, to provide for certain adjustments in the employment system and the personnel policies, for full-time exempt employees, full-time confidential employees, and part-time confidential employees.
- Waived full reading of and introduced Ordinance No. 1042, an ordinance of the City of Cerritos, California establishing the City's General Municipal Election date as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each odd-numbered year and repealing Ordinance No. 1036; and
- Directed the City Clerk to place City Council review and consideration of waiver of full reading and adoption of the subject ordinance on the agenda for the Thursday, April 27, 2023, 7 p.m. City Council Regular Meeting, pursuant to Cerritos Charter, art. IV, § 412; and, upon subsequent adoption, the City Council additionally:
 - Authorized an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-23 adopted budget in the amount of approximately \$15,000 from the General Fund reserve to the Office of the City Clerk election expense account to fund costs related to the mandated written notification to Cerritos voters regarding the election date change; and
 - Directed the City Clerk, serving as the City's Elections Official, to commence advance planning and negotiations with State-certified election vendors, consultants and other providers to reserve services, equipment, paper and other supplies necessary to conduct the election and present any necessary election-related funding, security upgrade projects and agreement requests as part of the scheduled City Council Fiscal Year 2023-24 and Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget study sessions.
- Adjourned in memory of Elmer James "E.J." Sarduo Simbol and Dolores "Dee" Herd.

Beware of government-program scams

In light of a recent increase in door-to-door and telephone solicitors, Cerritos residents are strongly encouraged to beware of businesses promoting "government programs."

Residents have reported that companies are providing flyers about government-approved or government-sponsored programs, with some solicitors saying they need to enter the property to do an inspection (even when the homeowner is not doing any construction project and/or does not have any inspection scheduled).

City of Cerritos staff will never ask to enter a property for an impromptu inspection. Staff will perform only scheduled inspections if a home is undergoing a construction project.

If a solicitor comes to your home that you don't want to talk to, make it clear that someone is home by speaking through the door to send them away. To report suspicious activity, call the Cerritos Sheriff's Station at (562) 860-0044. ■

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WORKS

**If you see something,
say something.**

(562) 860-0044



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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 **Thurs., June 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Thurs., June 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.

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

10647	Mon., June 12
10648	Mon., June 19
10649	Mon., June 26
10650	Mon., July 3

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

10655	Sat., June 10
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THE QUESTIONEERS STEM STORYTIME

Participants will experience an exciting event filled with Questioners book reading and exciting STEM activities that will explore the world of engineering, architecture and chemistry. Space is limited to 15 participants.

10656	"Rosie Revere, Engineer"	Tues., June 13	11 a.m.
		Ages 5-10	Little Theater
10657	"Iggy Peck, Architect"	Tues., June 20	11 a.m.
		Ages 5-10	Little Theater
10658	"Ada Twist, Scientist"	Tues., June 27	11 a.m.
		Ages 5-10	Little Theater

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE FOR KIDS

Learn about Georgia O'Keeffe and create a water-color painting in the artist's style. Space is limited to 20 participants.

10659	Wed., June 7	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 7-11	Art Studio

DUPLO LEGO CLUB

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

10660	Fri., June 9	11 a.m.-noon
	Ages 2-4	Little Theater

PERLER BEADS: OUTER SPACE

Children will create a space-themed art piece using Perler beads. Space is limited to 12 participants. This project received Federal support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative Pool, administered by the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum.

10661	Fri., June 9	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 9-14	Art Studio

FATHER'S DAY CARD CRAFT

Make your dad feel special this Father's Day by creating a personalized card and picture frame. Space is limited to 20 participants.

10662	Mon., June 12	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Art Studio

LAVA LAMP AND INVISIBLE INK FOR KIDS

Learn how to make a lava lamp and invisible ink. Space is limited to 15 participants.

10663	Wed., June 14	3:30-4:15 p.m.
	Ages 7-9	Little Theater

BIONERDS JUNIOR DOCTORS: NEUROLOGY

Children will learn about the structure and function of the brain regions by observing a sheep brain dissection. Space is limited to 20 participants.

10664	Fri., June 16	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Skyline Room B

STORYTIME WITH THE MAYOR

Kick off summer with a special Find Your Voice storytime with the City of Cerritos Mayor. Children will enjoy a fun and interactive storytime and be encouraged to participate in the Library's Summer Reading Program. Space is limited to 20 participants.

10665	Mon., June 19	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 3-6	Little Theater

STORYTIME & PONY SHOW AND TELL

Join us for a pony-themed storytime with Happy Hooves Petting Zoo's Janet Holguin. Pet, brush and snap pics with ponies! Space is limited to 40 participants.

10666	Tues., June 20	3:30-5 p.m.
	Ages 3-8	Little Theater

CREATIVE WRITING FOR KIDS

Improve your creative writing skills with fun exercises on character, setting, story structure and zine creation! Space is limited to 15 participants.

10667	Fri., June 23-July 14	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Hi-Tech Lab

BUILD AN UPCYCLED ROBOT

Children will design and create personalized art pieces made from reclaimed single-use materials in a fun and environmentally friendly project. Space is limited to 20 participants.

10668	Mon., June 26	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Skyline Room

STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

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

10669	Fri., June 30	11 a.m.-noon
	Ages 2-5	Little Theater

BUILD A POPSICLE STICK CATAPULT

Students from Whitney High School Robotics Club will lead participants in a simple activity that includes lessons about physics and dynamics. Space is limited to 20 participants.

10670	Mon., July 3	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 8-10	Little Theater

3D MUSICAL NOTES/MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS PAINTING CRAFT

Use your creativity to paint and decorate your own miniature 3D musical notes and instruments. Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 15 participants.

10671	Thurs., July 6	2:30-3:30 p.m.
	Ages 6-11	Little Theater

MAKE YOUR OWN MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

Join us as we create musical instruments out of everyday materials. Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 20 participants.

10672	Fri., July 7	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 5-10	Art Studio

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

GEOGRAPHIC LITERACY WRITING WORKSHOP

Poet Mike Sonksen will present information about the California State Parks. He will then lead a writing workshop focusing on geographical spaces. Other speakers will include prize-winning poet Jamie Asaye FitzGerald and desert literature scholar Ruth Nolan. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

Wed., June 7	6 p.m.	
	Ages 13 & Over	Skyline Room

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

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

Fri., June 9	11 a.m. & 5 p.m.	
	Ages 2-10	Art Studio

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SALLY'S NIGHT

Sally's Night celebrates the legacy of astronaut Sally Ride with a fascinating presentation by Julim Lee, an Interplanetary Navigation Engineer with NASA Jet Propulsion Lab. Lee has contributed to the Odyssey Mars Orbiter, Kepler Space Telescope and ASTERIA cubesat (exoplanet hunter) missions. Participants will also enjoy STEM activities. The event celebrates Ride and the 40-year anniversary of her becoming the first American woman to travel to space. This project received Federal support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative Pool, administered by the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum.

Thurs., June 15 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

JUNETEENTH PRESENTATION

Join us for Juneteenth celebrations! Participants will enjoy interactive activities, music, poetry and a presentation on the new federal holiday. Our guest speaker, Chimbuko Tembo, will address common misconceptions and reflect on the historical struggles of enslaved African Americans.

Mon., June 19 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 Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid. For more information, call (562) 916-1340.

Wed., June 21 11 a.m.-noon Skyline Room

RANCHO LOS CERRITOS SUMMER SOLSTICE

The summer solstice on June 21 marks the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. Discover the ancient traditions and history behind this celebrated event. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

Wed., June 21 6 p.m. Skyline Room

WILD WONDERS ANIMAL PRESENTATION: WALK ON THE WILD SIDE!

Explore the world of wildlife with Wild Wonders! Join us on a global animal adventure featuring creatures from around the world. Space is limited to 100 participants.

Thurs., June 22 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "SLEEPER" (1973)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Sleeper," followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 89 minutes.

Thurs., June 22 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

FIND YOUR VOICE MOVIE

Join us for a screening of the film "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings" (2021). This film is

rated PG-13 and has a running time of 132 minutes. Space is limited to 100 participants.

Tues., June 27 2 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

SUMMER CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on craft featuring a summer theme for children ages 2-12 will be held in the Skyline Room. These glue-and-go crafts take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Wed., June 28 & Wed., July 5
11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Skyline Room

FAMILY COLORING NIGHT

Relax, socialize and explore your creativity in a tranquil setting. A selection of coloring sheets and art materials will be available for all ages.

Wed., June 28 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

MICHAEL RAYNER JUGGLING SHOW

Michael Rayner, juggler extraordinaire, will juggle found objects. Rayner is a highly skilled and hilarious entertainer who will delight the entire family. Space is limited to 200.

Thurs., June 29 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

FINDING SINGING SOPHIA'S GOLDEN MIC

Help Singing Sophia find her lost golden microphone so she can make it to her important performance on time. Children are encouraged to report the golden microphone's new location to the Children's Desk each day for a small prize. This program is for children ages 4-11. Prizes will be given throughout the day while supplies last.

Mon.-Sun., June 12-18
During library hours
while supplies last
Ages 4-11 Children's Desk

48th SUMMER READING PROGRAM: FIND YOUR VOICE!

Cerritos Library cardholders are invited to participate in the Cerritos Library's Find Your Voice! 48th Summer Reading Program. Children, teens and adults are encouraged to read throughout the summer. Participants will earn a book prize and tote bag for completing the program, sponsored by the Friends of the Cerritos Library.

Option 1—Online Registration: Pre-registration will be available through the Cerritos Library's Beanstack service from Monday, June 12 through Sunday, June 18. To access and sign-up for a Beanstack account, please visit the library's website at cerritoslibrary.us. Each participant must have a valid Cerritos Library card. Participants can log and track their reading progress in Beanstack and will need to complete their reading from Monday, June 19 through Sunday, July 16. Children will need to log 30 minutes of reading per day and will earn digital badges for completing 210 minutes of reading each week. Adults

and teens will earn digital badges for every book logged (four books total).

Option 2—In-Person Registration: Patrons can register in person beginning on Monday, June 19 through Sunday, June 25. Patrons who register in person need to bring their valid Cerritos Library card to the Children's Art Studio in the Cerritos Library. Each participant must be present to register, or their valid Cerritos Library card must be presented. A separate form will need to be completed for each person who signs up to receive their reading log.

Prizes and Programs: Children up to age 12 who read 30 minutes per day (210 minutes per week) during the program will earn a book prize and Summer Reading Program Tote Bag (while supplies last). Young adults, ages 13 to 17, and adults, ages 18 and older, must complete four books, either fiction or non-fiction, in any language, to earn the book prize and tote bag. Once every reading goal is met, you can visit the Children's Art Studio in the Cerritos Library to receive your book prize and tote bag beginning Monday, July 17 through Friday, August 4. (Using the Beanstack mobile app, please show library staff the digital completion badge earned on your mobile device. If participants registered in person, please present completed reading log.) Each participant must be present to receive their book prize and tote bag. Please visit cerritoslibrary.us for links to other Cerritos Library programs for kids and teens.

BOOKMARK ART CONTEST

Congratulations to Chloe Kim, age 7, for winning the Cerritos Library's 5th Annual Bookmark Art Contest. Chloe's design was selected to be printed on a bookmark that will be given as a prize for those who register in the Library's Find Your Voice! Summer Reading Program Monday, June 19 through Sunday, June 25.

Library Display

"CONVERSATIONS IN CERAMIC" PRESENTED BY DAWN MENDELSON

Dawn Mendelson works in a style called pique assiette, a type of mosaic that uses recycled materials. It is named after Frenchman Raymond Isidore, who collected bits and pieces on his way home from work each evening and mosaicked his entire house, inside and out. Although her home is not entirely covered in mosaic, Mendelson embraces and honors discarded shards and reimagines them in a new and fresh vision. She takes inspiration from the pieces themselves by celebrating their rich histories, textures and colors. This exhibit features pieces that highlight the stories these ceramics tell, individually and collectively, from near and far; ancient and just yesterday. "Conversations in Ceramics" will be on exhibit through the end of June in the main lobby of the library.

Entries sought for Kids Poster and Poetry Contest

The City of Cerritos is hosting a Kids Poster and Poetry Contest with the theme "4th of July – All American Blast." 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" x 17", and may feature any drawing or painting materials (pencils, chalks, pastels, crayons, watercolors and/or acrylics). Do not mat, mount or frame the posters. All poems should be up to 50 lines and typed on 8.5" x 11" paper.

Include the entrant's name, age, address and phone number on the back of the poster or poem or use the official entry form available at cerritos.us.

Submit entries to the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 16.

Winning posters and poems will be displayed at cerritos.us for the month of July, starting Wednesday, July 5. The poetry winner will be recognized at the City's 50th Annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration on Tuesday, July 4. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

Enjoy the Family Entertainment Showcase

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

Tuesday Family Nights

Entertainment and activities for the whole family will be offered every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Friendship, Frontier, Sunshine and Westgate parks. Each program will last approximately 45 minutes and feature a pre-show craft or activity from 6 to 6:20 p.m. Arrive early and bring a blanket for seating. Please note that there are no restroom facilities at Friendship Park and Sunshine Park.

- July 11 California Joe Magic Show at Frontier Park
- July 18 Steel Parade at Sunshine Park

- July 25 Mad Science at Friendship Park
- August 1 Kids Reptile Parties at Westgate Park
- August 8 Luce Puppet Company at Frontier Park
- August 15 Michael the Juggler at Sunshine Park

Thursday Concerts Under the Stars

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

- July 13 Classic Journey (Journey Tribute)
- July 20 The Emperors (Classic Rock)
- July 27 33 Thunder (Country)
- August 3 Knyght Ryder (80s)
- August 10 Sangre Nueva (Salsa/Latin)
- August 17 Let It Be (Beatles Tribute)

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

Cerritos named a 2022 Tree City USA

For the 25th consecutive year, the City of Cerritos has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.

The honor is given to select cities throughout the country for their outstanding community forestry programs and commitment to their urban forest. Among the program requirements are the existence of a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

Since the City's incorporation in 1956, the Public Works Department has planted more than 30,000 trees along City sidewalks and medians, next to freeway ramps and throughout the City's many parks and recreation facilities. In Cerritos, nearly every home has a City tree planted in its parkway. Approximately 250 young trees are planted each year to replace those that are damaged by storms, age or accidents. Trees help clean the air and have also been shown to increase property values.

Residents are encouraged to properly care for the trees in their front and back yards.

For more information on street-tree care or the City's tree ordinance, call the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220. ■

Business Spotlight

Joseph Chung's Tax Service

Joseph Chung's Tax Service 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.

A full-service accounting firm, Joseph Chung's Tax Service has been in business for 35 years, with 15 years in Cerritos. Chung, a graduate from Hongik University in South Korea who also attended Drexel University in Philadelphia, is the owner.

Bilingual in English and Korean, Chung has worked for Northrop Grumman and was an IRS special enrolled agent. He has received numerous awards, including the Internal Revenue Service Appreciation Award in 2011; Franchise Tax Board Appreciation Award in 2013; The White House – The President's Award in 2013; and KAAEA Appreciation & Merit Award in 2014.

Joseph Chung's Tax Office is located at 17409 Marquardt Avenue, Suite B2, in Cerritos. Business hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended hours and days for special circumstances. The phone number is (562) 926-3239.

Rabies clinics to be held in June and July

The City of Cerritos will hold two low-cost rabies clinics for dogs and cats in Shelter 1 at Cerritos Park East from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13 and Wednesday, July 12.

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

Rabies shots for dogs and cats will be available for \$17, and canine bordetella (kennel cough) shots cost \$20 each. Canine coronavirus vaccines are \$20, and Lyme disease vaccines will be \$26. DHPP shots, also known as the "6-in-1" vaccine that protects dogs from distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza and parvovirus, will be available for \$21. The comparable "4-in-1" (FVRCP) shot for cats cost \$22. Feline bordetella (FIP) shots will be \$38, and feline coronavirus (FELV) shots are \$26. In addition to vaccination fees, a \$3 biohazard disposal fee will be charged for each treated animal.

Checks for vaccines should be made payable to the City of Cerritos. A driver's license number and expiration date are required on all checks. Returned checks are subject to a \$10 service fee. AVID microchipping will also be available for \$25 per cat or dog.

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

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

TV3 Schedule: June

City Council and Commission Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meetings

7 p.m. on Monday, June 12 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, June 16 and 10 a.m. on Monday, June 19

7 p.m. on Thursday, June 22 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, June 23 and 10 a.m. on Monday, June 26

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on June 1 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 4 and 7 p.m. on Monday, June 5

Property Preservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27 (live), rebroadcasts: 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 29 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4

Program Highlights

Mayor's Weekly 60

4 p.m. on Thursday, June 8; 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 17; 10 a.m. on Friday, June 23; and 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 29

Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase 2023

5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14; 4 p.m. on Monday, June 19; and 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 24

Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain in Concert at the CCPA

7 p.m. on Sunday, June 11; 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 18; and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21

California Guitar Trio and Montreal Guitar Trio in Concert at the CCPA

8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13; 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 25; and 8 p.m. on Friday, June 30

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

Calendar of Events

- May 27 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on June 3, 10, 17 and 24.
- May 29 • **Memorial Day**
- **City Hall, City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, Library, Senior Center, Community Gymnasiums and CCPA Ticket Office closed.**
- **Memorial Day Ceremony**, 10 a.m., Civic Center.
- May 30 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sierra Room.
- May 31 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sierra Room.
- June 1 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sierra Room.
- **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on June 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 June 8, 15 and 22. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
- **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 8, 15 and 22. Contact Dinesh Shah at (562) 650-4587.
- **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 8, 15 and 29. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
- June 2 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 16. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- June 5 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 12, 19 and 26. Contact Virginia Harmon at (562) 477-3051.
- **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos. Also on June 20.
- June 6 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 13, 20 and 27. Contact CT Chu at (562) 276-5831.
- **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 13, 20 and 27. Contact Julith Neff at (562) 881-9504.
- **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 13, 20 and 27. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- June 7 • **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.
- June 8 • **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Sue Verway at (562) 926-2660.
- **Da' Hawaii Senior Club**, 2-5 p.m. Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on June 29. Contact Carmelita Tionsgon at (562) 305-7995.
- **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 6:30 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower. Also on June 22, 6 p.m.
- June 12 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m. Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sierra Room.
- June 13 • **Rabies Clinic**, 6-7:30 p.m., Cerritos Park East, Shelter 1.
- June 14 • **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m., 10929 South Street, Suite 116B, Cerritos. Contact Mary Ann Tipton at (562) 706-2881.
- June 19 • **Summer Reading Program begins.**
- June 22 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., see City website for location.
- June 27 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., see City website for location.
- June 28 • **Let Freedom Ring Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.

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Driving range at Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course open

The driving range at Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course has reopened. Range hours are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, except for Thursday when hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The main golf course remains closed.

The golf course was closed last December after a gasoline leak was identified on a privately owned existing pipeline on site. The leak was stopped and repair work began immediately. For more information, call (562) 916-1254. ■

Contract awarded for residential curb ramps and sidewalk repairs

The Cerritos City Council has awarded a \$650,905 contract to Kalban, Inc. for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-funded curb ramps and sidewalk repairs.

The Santa Clarita-based company will replace 12,000 square feet of sidewalk; 3,000 linear feet of curb and gutter; 5,000 square feet of driveway approaches; and 20 curb ramps. Work will also include removal of 83 parkway trees, including stump grinding and root removal, along with planting of 47 trees in existing parkways. The project will take place in the neighborhood located south of College Place, west of Studebaker Road, north of the Artesia Freeway and east of the San Gabriel River.

This project is funded in part by CDBG funds and is scheduled to conclude by July. ■

Contract awarded for asphalt improvements

The Cerritos City Council has awarded a \$622,000 contract to Onyx Paving Company, Inc. for asphalt repairs and upgrades.

The Anaheim-based company will perform rehabilitation, tree removal and replacement, and concrete improvements in the residential neighborhood bordered by Norwalk Boulevard, 195th Street, Bloomfield Avenue and Viarna Street. This project is funded primarily through the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, which was created from Senate Bill 1.

The project is scheduled to start in June and to be completed in August. ■

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