

# The Cerritos News

## CCPA kicks off 2023–2024 Season



*The Temptations performs with The Four Tops on Sunday, September 10 at the CCPA.*

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) kicks off the 2023–2024 Season in September with a dazzling lineup.

Celebrating his 67th year in the music industry, legend Johnny Mathis brings “The Voice of Romance Tour” to the CCPA stage on Saturday, September 9 at 8 p.m. The Grammy Hall of Famer performs his greatest hits, including “Chances Are,” “It’s Not for Me to Say,” “Misty” and more. Widely celebrated for his romantic ballads and festive holiday music, Mathis, who was also honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, is noted by the “Los Angeles Times” for his “distinctive vocal tone, with its telltale quaver.” Tickets prices start at \$89.

Motown masters The Temptations and The Four Tops perform in Cerritos on Sunday, September 10 at 7 p.m. The Temptations set the bar for Soul and R&B

groups with a litany of hits, including “The Way You Do the Things You Do,” which propelled the band into international fame. The group’s singles “My Girl” and “Papa Was a Rolling Stone” were inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame. The Four Tops rocked the Pop and R&B charts with the hits “I Can’t Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch),” “Ain’t No Woman (Like the One I’ve Got)” and “Reach Out I’ll Be There,” which became the group’s signature song. Tickets to the show start at \$69.

Enjoy the Dire Straits Legacy Tour 2023 on Sunday, September 17 at 7 p.m. This “Director’s Pick” show honors one of the most original Rock bands of the ‘80s: the British Group Dire Straits, known for its bluesy, guitar-driven sound. Group members Alan Clark, Phil Palmer, Danny Cummings, Mel Collins and Jack Sonni celebrate the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame band’s music, which includes the notable albums “Making Movies,” “Love Over Gold” and “Brothers in Arms,” showcasing the hit singles “Money for Nothing” and “Walk of Life.” Ticket prices start at \$35.

One man, one microphone. Best-selling author Garrison Keillor brings an evening of stand-up, storytelling, audience song and poetry in “Garrison Keillor Tonight.” Add to that sonnets, limericks, musical jokes and the thread that runs through it all – the beauty of growing old. Ticket prices start at \$35 for this 8 p.m. show on Friday, September 29.

Order tickets at [cerritoscenter.com](http://cerritoscenter.com) or by calling the Ticket Office at (562) 916-8500. ■

## City facilities observe Labor Day

Cerritos City Hall, the City Clerk/Treasurer’s Office, Cerritos Library, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, the Community Gymnasiums at Cerritos and Whitney high schools and the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Cerritos Park East, Heritage Park and Liberty Park will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the Cerritos Sports Complex will be open from 2 to 8 p.m. The Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course driving range will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Cerritos Olympic Swim and Fitness Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

There will be no street sweeping and trash pick-up on Labor Day. Schedules will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week through Saturday. The COW and Dial-A-Ride transit services will not operate on Labor Day. ■

## City presents 2023 Autumn Moon Festival

The City of Cerritos and the Let Freedom Ring Committee are hosting the annual Autumn Moon Festival on Friday, September 29. The event takes place from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Heritage Park, located at 18600 Bloomfield Avenue.

Free lantern kits will be available while supplies last. Participants can also bring their own lanterns to decorate. The lanterns will be released in the water under the harvest moon. Gourmet food trucks will be available offering food for purchase. Bring chairs and blankets for seating. For more information, contact the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

## Del Amo Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project study begins

The City of Cerritos is the lead agency on a multi-year design of the Del Amo Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Traffic Signal Enhancement Project. Through a collaborative effort between the cities of Cerritos, Lakewood, La Palma and Cypress, this project aims to fully replace the Del Amo Boulevard Bridge at Coyote Creek and optimize traffic along Del Amo Boulevard from the easterly City limits at Denni Street to the I-605 freeway.

Project documents, including air quality, water, noise and traffic study reports, have been posted on the City’s website at [cerritos.us/RESIDENTS/public\\_works/del\\_amo\\_bridge\\_project.php](http://cerritos.us/RESIDENTS/public_works/del_amo_bridge_project.php). The webpage will continue to be updated with new project information and documents as they become available.

Please call the Department of Public Works Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219 with any questions regarding this project. ■

## City premieres Cerritos Auto Square documentary

The City of Cerritos, in partnership with the Cerritos Auto Square, is pleased to present a new documentary video “Nothing Like It In the World – The Story of the Cerritos Auto Square.” The video details the creation, challenges and achievements of the auto mall, including the unique partnership between the City and auto dealers that has contributed to the Auto Square’s success.

The Cerritos Auto Square is the world’s first and largest auto mall, boasting an unequaled location,

reputation and selection. It is the City’s largest source of sales tax revenue and employs more than 3,000 people.

The Cerritos Auto Square Dealers Association secured award-winning documentary filmmaker Todd Huffman with Pipeline Digital Media, LLC to write, produce and direct the film.

The video can be viewed on the City’s YouTube channel at [youtube.com/cityofcerritos](http://youtube.com/cityofcerritos) and on Cerritos TV3. A copy of the current TV3 schedule can be accessed at [cerritos.us/RESIDENTS/tv3.php](http://cerritos.us/RESIDENTS/tv3.php). ■

## CCPA to undergo safety upgrades

The City Council recently awarded a \$333,225 contract to AeroGo to conduct movement system and air caster safety upgrades at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA).

With a unique movement system, the CCPA’s main theater has six different configurations that offer significant adjustments to the theater’s physical shape, acoustics, stage location and seating arrangements.

A key element of the CCPA’s innovative movement system is a network of air casters, under many of the building components, that use air pressure to raise and float several sections of seating platforms and seven large structures known as seating towers.

The five largest seating towers are physically connected to the building structure and rely on semi-automated controls to operate their air casters and motorized drive systems. The two smallest seating

towers – the Pro Towers – are four-story structures, each weighing approximately 65,000 pounds.

These two Pro Towers require staff interaction to manually control the air casters and physically push the structures without mechanical advantage.

The air caster system was originally designed and installed by AeroGo, which specializes in heavy-load moving technology. In business since 1967, the company has been the sole source supplier of air casters for the CCPA since the venue was constructed. AeroGo will design and install an Automatic Height Control System (AHCS) to work with the CCPA’s existing air caster network. The improvement will not only enhance overall safety, but also eliminate the need for manual adjustments, thus reducing significant labor hours and expenses over the life of the movement system.

The work is expected to conclude in December. ■

# City Council Recap

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

## June 22, 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 public 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.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-25, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos adopting the Cerritos Electric Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plan.
- Received and filed Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 2023-18 finding that the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is in conformity with the City of Cerritos General Plan; and
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-26 and CSA Resolution No. 2023-01, a joint resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos and the successor agency to the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency, approving and adopting the annual combined financial program for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, appropriating the funds necessary to meet the expenditures set forth therein, and approving the pay schedules for personnel expenses as set forth in The Employee Classification Tables and Classification Steps; and
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-27 and CSA Resolution No. 2023-02, a joint resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos

and the successor agency to the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency, approving and adopting the annual investment policy for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

- Approved the funds listed under Cost Center Code 451 (Community & Safety Services) as described and detailed in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Preliminary Financial Program, incorporating them into Resolution No. 2023-26 and CSA Resolution No. 2023-01 and into the final adopted Fiscal Year 2023-24 Combined Financial Program (City Budget) document.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-28, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos approving and adopting the annual appropriation limit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-29, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos adopting a list of projects to be funded by Senate Bill 1: Road Repair and Accountability Act Funds, for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- Awarded a professional services contract to Moore & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$70,384.50, for the preparation of the City's Transit Assessment, RFP No. 1506-23.
- Authorized the City Manager or designee to facilitate the following actions for an affordable senior housing unit located at 19411 Pearl Court, Unit K, Cerritos, CA 90703:
  - Appropriate Housing Asset Funds not to exceed \$50,000 to remediate and restore the subject affordable senior housing unit;
  - Extend the applicable affordability and occupancy covenants to 2052; and
  - Re-sell the unit to a qualified moderate-income senior resident(s), in accordance with applicable State housing law.
- Received and filed a report presented by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) on the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) light-rail project.
- Authorized the acquisition of the identified real

property, 19403 Garnet Court, Unit D, Cerritos, CA 90703, with the substance of the terms and conditions for the acquisition as follows:

- Buyer would be the City of Cerritos;
- Seller would be the Holder of the Deed of Trust, which is administered by the Trustee: Barrett Daffin Frappier Treder & Weiss LLP, Trustee appointed under and pursuant to recorded deed of trust;
- Price for acquisition will be in an amount to pay off the debt owed to the Holder of the Deed of Trust in the amount identified due on the date of sale, plus closing costs and other costs to vest title in the City of Cerritos; and
- The City's restricted affordable housing funds would be used to acquire the unit, which then will be included in the inventory of the City's affordable housing units available for sale to a moderate income household, as prescribed by state law.

## July 17, 2023

- Approved the annual support and maintenance agreement purchase orders as follows:
  - Carahsoft for the Granicus system in the amount of \$53,617.58; and
  - Iron Mountain for Citywide offsite storage of records, information and historical data, in the amount of \$60,000.00.
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$115,400.00 for the complete removal of 76 parkway trees and planting of 64 trees, to Golden West Arbor Services, Bid No. 1496-23, and rejected the other bids.
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$674,000.00 for concrete improvements in residential streets to CJ Concrete Construction, Inc., Bid No. 1495-23, and rejected the other bids.

## Cerritos Council Chambers upgrade completed

An upgrade of the Cerritos Council Chambers has been completed, providing a state-of-the-art experience for those attending meetings in-person, streaming online or watching on cable television.

New audio/video equipment was installed, including ultra-high definition cameras and screens, speakers, touchscreen displays, digital nameplates, LED lighting and microphones. Signal distribution, broadcast and control systems were improved. The renovated Council Chambers also features agenda management software with voting integration, as well as a digital public comment sign-in system.

New carpet and seat upholstery were put in, as was an expanded hearing loop system providing coverage to every seat location in the Council Chambers. The lighting and audio/video technology in the conference room and lobby also were enhanced.

The upgrades were completed by Western Audio Visual in Orange in collaboration with City staff and on-call maintenance contractors. City meetings have resumed in the Council Chambers. ■

## Contracts approved for tree and concrete upgrades

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded contracts for tree upgrades and concrete improvements in the residential neighborhood bordered by 183rd Street, Palo Verde Avenue, Destino Circle and San Gabriel Avenue. Funding is provided through the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account created by Senate Bill 1.

The tree phase of the project is expected to take place in mid-September. Golden West Arbor Services of Pomona was awarded a \$115,400 contract to remove 76 parkway trees, including stump grinding and stump removal, and plant 64 trees in existing parkways.

Once the tree phase of the project is completed, CJ Concrete Construction, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs will begin the concrete work. The company was awarded a \$674,000 contract to perform the concrete repairs.

Residents are responsible for watering the tree in the parkway in front of their house. The City's Tree Division will place a notice on each resident's door when a tree is planted, with guidelines for care and maintenance of new trees. ■

## Metropolitan Water District offers conservation rebate program

Residential and commercial rebates are available for qualifying water-saving devices and measures through the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) conservation rebate program.

Products eligible for rebates include high-efficiency clothes washers, premium high-efficiency toilets, weather-based irrigation controllers, rotating sprinkler nozzles, rain barrels and cisterns and soil moisture sensor systems. Turf removal also qualifies for rebates.

Rebate amounts may vary and are based on the availability of funding. Visit [socalwatersmart.com](http://socalwatersmart.com) or call (888) 376-3314 for more information.

The MWD is a consortium of 26 cities and water districts that provides drinking water to nearly 19 million people in parts of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. ■



# September 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](http://cerritos.us).

### CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at [cerritos.us](http://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 **Fri., Sept. 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

### PHONE REGISTRATION

#### Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

### WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

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

## The following Library programs require advance registration:

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

### STORYTIMES

Cerritos Library's 30-45 minute storytimes incorporating stories and audience participation will be held in the Little Theater. Only children registered for storytime may be brought to the program. Space is limited to 15 participants.

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

- 11164** Thurs., Sept. 14  
**11165** Thurs., Sept. 21  
**11166** Thurs., Sept. 28  
**11167** Thurs., Oct. 5

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

- 11168** Sat., Sept. 9

### PRESSED FLOWER FRAME WORKSHOP

Participants will learn about pressing flowers and design their own arrangement in a 4" x 6" plexiglass frame. An assortment of natural and dyed flowers and foliage will be provided. Space is limited to 15 participants. This program was supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

- 11169** Thurs., Sept. 7 6-7 p.m.  
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

### BIONERDS PLANTS: KNOW YOUR GREENS!

Join us in a fun hands-on biology workshop for kids and learn about photosynthesis! Children will observe chloroplasts in action under a microscope and make a leaf layer model. Space is limited to 20 participants. This program was supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

- 11170** Fri., Sept. 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Ages 8-12 Skyline Room B

### WRITING CLASS FOR KIDS

Join us as Whitney High School student Tyler Liu helps participants improve their academic writing skills with guided essays, 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.

- 11171** Fri., Sept. 8-29 5-6 p.m.  
Ages 8-12 Hi-Tech Lab

### RESEARCH DATABASES FOR KIDS

In this hands-on workshop, students will learn the basics of searching many of the Library's online research databases for kids. Space is limited to 15 participants.

- 11172** Mon., Sept. 18 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Ages 9-12 Hi-Tech Lab

### STORYTIME WITH FIREFIGHTERS

Firefighters from the L.A. County Fire Department will present a storytime followed by a lesson on fire safety. Children who register will have the opportunity to take pictures in front of a fire truck. Space is limited to 40 participants.

- 11173** Tues., Sept. 19 3:30 p.m.  
Ages 4-10 Little Theater

### ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: AMELIA PELÁEZ

Students will learn about Cuban avant-garde painter Amelia Peláez and create their own artwork based on her style. Space is limited to 20 participants.

- 11174** Thurs., Sept. 21 4-5 p.m.  
Ages 7-12 Art Studio

### YOUNG REMBRANDT'S/FRIDA KAHLO

Students will explore the imaginative world of painter Frida Kahlo. Inspired by her artwork, children will re-create their own portrait of the master artist. Space is limited to 20 participants.

- 11175** Fri., Sept. 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Ages 6-12 Little Theater

### LITTLEBITS WORKSHOP

Students will be introduced to littleBits, electronic building blocks that snap and work together, allowing children to build and invent. Space is limited to 15 participants.

- 11176** Tues., Sept. 26 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Ages 7-10 Skyline Room A

### GUACAMOLE MAKING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, children will have the opportunity to learn how to make mouth-watering guacamole with a skilled chef from the Cypress El Torito Restaurant. Space is limited to 20 participants.

- 11199** Thurs., Sept. 28 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Ages 8-12 Skyline Room

### SUCCULENT TERRARIUM WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

Create a beautiful succulent terrarium. Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 18 participants. This program was supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

- 11177** Tues., Oct. 3 4-5 p.m.  
Ages 11-17 Skyline Room A

### UPCYCLED SCULPTURE MAKING CLASS FOR ADULTS

Participants will construct an abstract art piece using household items, including recyclables and single-use plastics. By exploring innovative ways to repurpose old materials, we contribute to reducing waste in our landfills and play a vital role in minimizing our carbon footprint. Space is limited to 15 participants. This program was supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

- 11178** Thurs., Oct. 5 6-7:30 p.m.  
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

## 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. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

- Tues., Sept. 5 6 p.m.  
Ages 13 & Over Skyline Room

### FAMILY NIGHT: ARTY LOON SHOW

This program consists of hilarious antics that include balloons, magic, juggling, puppetry and lots of audience participation!

- Wed., Sept. 13 6 p.m.  
All Ages Skyline Room

### ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

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

- Fri., Sept. 15 11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m.  
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

### FRIDA KAHLO: CROSSING BORDERLINES

Embark on a captivating journey through the life and art of Frida Kahlo as Dr. Gloria Arjona presents a multimedia lecture that celebrates Kahlo's remarkable ability to transcend boundaries. Dr. Arjona highlights the numerous instances where Kahlo fearlessly crossed the line, merging languages, genres, disciplines and her own life and art.

- Mon., Sept. 18 6 p.m.  
All Ages Skyline Room

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## BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book “We Are Not Like Them” by Christine Pride. For more information, call (562) 916-1340.

Wed., Sept. 20 11 a.m.-noon Skyline Room

## NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: “STRANGERS ON A TRAIN” (1951)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of Alfred Hitchcock’s “Strangers on a Train,” followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 101 minutes.

Fri., Sept. 22 6 p.m.  
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

## SMART GARDENING COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Learn the basics of backyard composting, water-wise gardening, worm composting, grass-cycling and edible gardening. This workshop is presented by the Countywide Smart Gardening Program of the County of Los Angeles. Compost bins will be available for purchase at a discount. This program was supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Mon., Sept. 25 6-7:30 p.m.  
All Ages Skyline Room

## BALLET FOLKLORICO DANCE PERFORMANCE

Join us as students from Thee Academy Folklorico/Mariachi school in Bell Gardens perform Mexican regional dances.

Thurs., Sept. 28 6 p.m.  
All Ages Skyline Room

## MEET CHILDREN’S AUTHOR MARÍA CECILIA “CECI” BORJA-VAN ZITTER

Join us as we celebrate local author María Cecilia “Ceci” Borja-Van Zitter. She will read her story “One Joyful Scoop at a Time/¡Una Alegre Porción De Helado A La Vez!” and answer audience questions.

Fri., Sept. 29 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
All Ages Little Theater

## FAMILY LOTERÍA NIGHT

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an evening of Lotería! Lotería is a traditional Latin American game of chance, similar to bingo, but using images on a deck of cards instead of plain numbers. Learn how to play this Mexican bingo-style game with the whole family.

Mon., Oct. 2 6-7 p.m.  
All Ages Skyline Room

## RANCHO LOS CERRITOS – PRACTICAL NATIVE PLANTS FOR GARDENS

Participants will learn about different types of indigenous plants that are appropriate for Southern California home gardens. This program was supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Wed., Oct. 4 6-7 p.m.  
All Ages Skyline Room

## CITY ARTWORK MAQUETTE INTERACTIVE EXHIBITION

To celebrate October Arts Month, Cerritos Library will showcase an interactive exhibition of the City’s sculpture maquettes from the Artwork in Public Places collection. This exhibition will be held in the Skyline Room on Saturday, October 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend this one-day event, with special efforts made to be inclusive for visually impaired individuals.

## CHILDREN’S ART & SHORT STORY CONTEST

The Friends of the Cerritos Library are sponsoring the 20th Annual Art Contest for children in grades K-6 and a Short Story Contest for children in grades 3-6. “How My Dream Garden Grows” is the theme for the art contest and “What’s Planted in Your Dream/Fantastical Garden” is the theme for the short story contest. Participants must have a valid Cerritos Library card. The deadline to turn in all entries is Friday, October 13 before 7 p.m. Draw or paint a picture of “How My Dream Garden Grows.” Artwork must be no larger than 12”x 18” and unmounted. Only one art entry is allowed per child. Short stories about “What’s Planted in Your Dream/Fantastical Garden” must be original, using no more than 500 words and preferably typed on white letter-sized paper. Only one short story entry is allowed per child. Application forms are available at the Children’s Help Desk and on the Library’s website. Winners will receive gift cards from Target at a special reception. For more information, contact Librarian Curita Tinker at (562) 916-1343.

## CERRITOS LIBRARY 50TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

“Cerritos Library: Celebrating 50 Years of Service to the Community” will be featured in the Local History Room during September. The exhibition will showcase highlights from the library’s history, starting with the opening on September 17, 1973.

## LIBRARY EXHIBIT

Artist Patrice Monteiro presents “Forces of Nature,” a presentation of 3D portraiture and mixed media artwork. The exhibition will explore the power of influence, purpose, subjectivity and human perception, highlighting forces in humanity and in the animal kingdom. The exhibition will be in the main lobby from Tuesday, September 5 through the end of October.

## Seniors invited to Health and Wellness Fair

The Cerritos Senior Center’s annual Health and Wellness Fair will be held on Friday, October 6 at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. The fair starts at 8:30 a.m. for Cerritos residents and 9 a.m. for non-residents. The event ends at noon.

The annual fair links seniors to resources that encourage a healthy, well-rounded approach to aging. Seniors age 50 years and older may participate in the screenings. A photo I.D. with current address is required to register and participate.

Vendors for the health fair are currently being sought. The non-refundable vendor registration fee for a for-profit agency is \$100. For-profit agencies providing a free health screening for fair attendees will not be required to pay the fee. Non-profit agencies and local, county, state or federal agencies may register for free. Each vendor will receive an 8-foot space.

Prospective vendors can register through Friday, September 15 by contacting the Senior Center and requesting the vendor PDF application be emailed.

The Cerritos Senior Center is located at 12340 South Street in Cerritos. For more information, call (562) 916-8550. ■

## Tips to help seniors beat the heat

The heat of the summer months can lead to heat stroke, sun poisoning, dehydration and other heat-related illnesses. People age 65 years or older are especially prone to heat-related health problems. They are more likely to have a chronic medical condition that changes normal body responses to heat. They are also more likely to take prescription medicines that affect the body’s ability to control its temperature or sweat.

Seniors and their caretakers should heed the following tips:

- Stay in air-conditioned buildings as much as possible. Do not rely on the fan as a main cooling source when it’s exceptionally hot outside.
- Drink more water than usual; don’t wait until you’re thirsty to drink.
- Do not use the oven or stove to cook as they will make the house hotter.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Take cool showers or baths to cool down.
- Do not engage in strenuous activities, and get plenty of rest.
- Check on a friend or neighbor and have someone do the same for you.
- Seek immediate medical care if you or someone you know has symptoms of heat-related illness, such as muscle cramps, headaches, nausea or vomiting. ■

## 988 hotline helps those in mental health crisis

The federal hotline 988 is a lifeline for people struggling with mental-health emergencies.

Touted as an alternative to 911, the 988 hotline quickly routes callers to the National Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Crisis Lifeline, which provides confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, seven days a week, throughout the United States.

A trained crisis worker answers the phone, listens to the callers, provides support, and gets callers the help that they need. ■

## Homeowners’ Exemption program provides property tax savings

The Los Angeles County Assessor’s Office Homeowners’ Exemption (HOX) program reduces the assessed value of a home or condo by \$7,000 for tax purposes, which translates to a reduction of \$70 annually to a homeowner’s property tax bill.

The property must be the owner’s principal place of residence as of January 1, and an application must be submitted in order for a homeowner to qualify.

An application received after February 15 is prorated for that year, but the homeowner will receive the full amount the following years. The savings will continue until a change is recorded.

For more information or to request an application, call (213) 974-3211 or (888) 807-2111. Applications also are available at [assessor.lacounty.gov/exemptions/homeowner-exemption](http://assessor.lacounty.gov/exemptions/homeowner-exemption). ■



## City ordinance regulates use of leaf blowers

Under City ordinance, the use of gas-operated leaf blowers in any residential area and in commercial areas within 400 feet of any residential area in the City is restricted to the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays and legal holidays. The City ordinance regulating these hours was designed to protect residents from excessive noise caused by such equipment.

Leaf blowers should not direct debris onto adjacent parcels or lots. Such debris should be removed and disposed of properly to prevent dispersion by wind or other similar means. Piles of leaves left in the gutters can clog storm drains and cause flooding. In addition, leaves in storm drains decompose and grow bacteria that can travel into the ocean. ■

## Short-term rentals banned in Cerritos

Cerritos residential property owners are reminded that the City of Cerritos prohibits short-term rentals.

Short-term rentals refer to leasing or renting a single-family residential dwelling unit (in whole or in part) for 31 days or fewer. The most common types of short-term rentals are vacation rentals and home-sharing rentals, which are both prohibited. The Sheraton Cerritos Hotel located in the commercially zoned Cerritos Towne Center is not considered a short-term rental under the ordinance.

The ban strives to protect Cerritos residential neighborhoods from the noise, nuisances, added traffic and other adverse factors that can arise with short-term rentals. Appropriate enforcement measures will be taken against those who violate the City ordinance. ■

## Follow traffic safety tips as children return to school

Thousands of local children returned to school in August. The following school safety tips are provided by the National Safe Routes to School Program and the City of Cerritos Community Safety Division.

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits. This may be the most important safety tip to observe around schools.
- Comply with school drop-off and pick-up procedures. Many schools in Cerritos have student valet or parking lot transition programs and should be used if possible.
- Avoid double parking and stopping in crosswalks or in people's driveways to let children out of the car. Do not allow children to cross the street mid-block, and teach them to use crosswalks. Cerritos Sheriff's deputies have been directed to issue citations for these violations.

- Stop for a school bus when red overhead lights are flashing or a stop sign has been activated on the street side of the bus. Violating this law may result in a very expensive citation.
- Watch for children crossing streets near schools or at nearby corners. Pedestrians have the right-of-way when in marked or unmarked crosswalks. (Any intersection has an unmarked crosswalk unless a posted sign says otherwise.)
- Watch for children on sidewalks when backing out or entering a driveway.
- Pay attention to the directions of crossing guards, and take the time to thank them occasionally. These guards put themselves at risk every day to protect the kids. ■

## Join Neighborhood Watch

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

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

If there is no active group yet in your area, the Community Safety Division will help you and your neighbors start one. Ideal Neighborhood Watch groups are typically small – usually 15 to 20 households – to simplify communication among participants. A designated block captain will be responsible for acting as the liaison between a neighborhood and the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.

While the Community Safety Division and Sheriff's Department will assist in many ways, the success of Neighborhood Watch depends largely on citizen

involvement. Participants will receive Neighborhood Watch signs to post, alerting potential criminals that others are watching out for your home. Members of the watch group monitor their neighborhoods, communicate regularly with deputies and meet with neighbors routinely to stay current on new information. If a residential crime pattern is identified in the area, deputies will notify the group of what to look out for and suggest prevention strategies.

Join the City's Neighborhood Watch program at [safercerritos.com](http://safercerritos.com). ■

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WORKS

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

**(562) 860-0044**



# TV3 Schedule: September

## City Council and Commission Meetings

### Cerritos City Council Meetings

7 p.m. on Thursday, September 14 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, September 15 and 10 a.m. on Monday, September 18

7 p.m. on Thursday, September 28 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, September 29 and 10 a.m. on Monday, October 2

### Fine Arts and Historical Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, September 21 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, September 22 and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26

### Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, September 7 (live), rebroadcasts: 3 p.m. on Friday, September 8 and 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12

### Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6 (live), rebroadcasts: 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 7 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13

### Property Preservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3

## Program Highlights

### "Nothing Like It In the World" — The Story of the Cerritos Auto Square

4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6; 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 9; 10 a.m. on Friday, September 15; and 9 p.m. on Saturday, September 23

### Strength of the Maker Sculpture Installation

8 p.m. on Saturday, September 2; 3 p.m. on Monday, September 4; 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 16; and 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 21

### Active Shooter Seminar

3 p.m. on Friday, September 1; 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5; 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 10; and 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20

### CCPA Performances: DRUMLine

3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12; 5 p.m. on Monday, September 18; and 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 24

### Concerts Under The Stars: Gold Rush Country

11 a.m. on Sunday, September 3; 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 9; 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 17; and 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 23

For Cerritos TV3 schedule and streaming video, visit: [cerritos.us/RESIDENTS/tv3.php](http://cerritos.us/RESIDENTS/tv3.php)

# Calendar of Events

- September 1 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 15. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- September 2 • **Cerritos Certified Farmer's Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on September 9, 16, 23 and 30.
- September 4 • **Labor Day**  
• **City Hall, City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, Library, Senior Center, Community Gymnasiums and CCPA Ticket Office closed**
- September 5 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 12, 19 and 26. Contact CT Chu at (562) 276-5831.  
• **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 12, 19 and 26. 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 September 12, 19 and 26. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.  
• **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos. Also on September 19.
- September 6 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.  
• **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.
- September 7 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.  
• **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on September 14 and 28. 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 September 14, 21 and 28. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.  
• **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 14, 21 and 28. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.  
• **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 14, 21 and 28. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.  
• **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 6 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower. Also on September 21.
- September 11 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 18 and 25. Contact Virginia Harmon at (562) 477-3051.
- September 12 • **Cerritos Republican Club**, 7 p.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Dean Grose at (562) 241-0235 or deanlosal@gmail.com or visit cerritos-republican.org.
- September 14 • **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.  
• **Da' Hawaii Seniors Club**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 28. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.  
• **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women**, 6:30 p.m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Gail Ross at gailross1947@gmail.com.
- September 20 • **Community Safety Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- September 21 • **Fine Arts and Historical Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- September 26 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- September 28 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- September 29 • **Autumn Moon Festival**, 5:30-8 p.m., Heritage Park.

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## Apps offered by City of Cerritos

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

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

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

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

Cerritos Library cardholders can access their accounts and some of the library's research databases, download eBooks and eAudio Books and place books on hold through the app. To download the app, visit the iTunes App Store, Android Market/Google Play or the Windows Store. For more information, call the Cerritos Library at (562) 916-1342.

**Cerritos on Wheels (COW):** The free app allows passengers to check the real-time location of COW buses and the arrival time of buses in service at any point along the route. Download it from the City's website at cerritostransit.com or from Apple's App store or the Android Market/Google Play. (To download from the App Store or Google Play, search for Passio GO.) The app is provided as part of the City's contract with First Transit, the COW service operator. For more information, visit cerritostransit.com or call (562) 916-1202. ■

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