

The Cerritos News

Cerritos City Council appoints Robert A. Lopez City Manager

The Cerritos City Council appointed Robert A. Lopez to the position of City Manager at the September 14, 2023 City Council meeting. Commencing November 4, 2023, Lopez will replace retiring City Manager Art Gallucci, who has served as City Manager since 1991.

Lopez began working for the City of Cerritos in 2002 and held various Planning roles prior to being promoted to Advance Planning/Redevelopment Manager in 2005 and Current Planning Manager in 2009. Lopez was appointed Director of Community Development in 2020, and oversaw and administered the City's land planning, development, land use, business license, GIS, public transportation, and building and safety programs. In 2022 he was appointed Director of Public Works/Water & Power and was responsible for administering and implementing the City's Capital Improvement Program, providing maintenance to City facilities, parks and streets, and managing the Water & Power utilities. He is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and holds a professional certification by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

Lopez received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering with a minor in urban studies from Stanford University, and his master of public administration and master of planning degrees from the University of Southern California. Lopez is a lifelong Cerritos resident and was a valedictorian of his graduating class at Whitney High School. He and his wife and their five sons are happy to call Cerritos their home.

Gallucci announced his pending retirement from the City of Cerritos in December 2022. Recruitment for the next City Manager was conducted by Ralph Andersen & Associates. More than 30 applications were received, and interviews were conducted with the top tier candidates prior to a selection being made.

The Cerritos City Council thanks Gallucci for his remarkable service to the City of Cerritos. During his tenure as City Manager from 1991 to 2023, Gallucci served as the City's top negotiator in major commercial and office developments, including the Cerritos Auto Square, Cerritos Towne Center and Lincoln Station Shopping Center. He was active in the development of all public facilities, including parks, the Cerritos Olympic Swim and Fitness Center, Cerritos Library, Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center. Gallucci also was involved in the development of the City's recycled water system; the affordable senior housing projects Emerald Villas, Pioneer Villas, Ivy Park at Cerritos and Fountain Walk; the Cerritos Sculpture Garden; and many other programs and services. His efforts to ensure a business-friendly environment supported the expansion of the Cerritos Auto Square and the Los Cerritos Center, contributing to the City's strong fiscal position. ■

Enjoy October offerings at the CCPA

Don't miss an exciting October lineup at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

It's sure to be a sizzling night with Pop culture icons 98° and All-4-One on Tuesday, October 3 at 7 p.m. Grammy-winning quartet All-4-One 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." Ticket prices start at \$79.

Smash Mouth's over-the-top Pop shook up the 1990s music scene with the hits "All Star," "Then The Morning Comes," "Can't Get Enough of You Baby" and "I'm a Believer" (later featured in the film "Shrek"). Opening the show is Spin Doctors, who rocked with the gems "Little Miss Can't Be Wrong," "Cleopatra's Cat" and "Two Princes." The Grammy-nominated band's acclaimed works include its Platinum album "Pocket Full of Kryptonite" and most recent "If the River Was Whiskey." Don't miss this exciting show on Friday, October 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$59.

With flair and swagger, Dustbowl Revival mashes traditional American music into a genre-hopping, time-bending dance party of the sounds that have kept America moving for more than a century. Called "the best live band in L.A." by "L.A. Weekly," it carved a niche with the funky favorite "Honey I Love You" and the Folk hit "Got Over." Opening the show at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 7 is Aaron Goodvin, who shook up the Country music scene with the No. One hits "You Are" and "Boy Like Me" and the double Platinum-certified "Lonely Drum." The two-time Canadian Country Music Association award nominee was also nominated for a JUNO "Country Album of the Year" Award for "V," featuring the songs "Bars & Churches" and "Good Ol' Bad Days." Tickets for this Director's Pick show start at \$37.

Matt Mauser, an "America's Got Talent" finalist who performs regularly with Grammy winner David Foster, and the Pete Jacobs Big Band have been captivating multi-generational music fans across the globe for more than 10 years. This show takes you on a journey through the years of Sinatra at the Sands, the Rat Pack and many other American classic award-winning singers from the '60s, '70s and '80s. Catch this performance on Sunday, October 8 at 3 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.

Acclaimed composer Rob Kapilow kicks off the 2023-2024 "What Makes It Great" series with "Appalachian Spring," an acclaimed 1944 piece written

by composer Aaron Copland. Cited by "The Boston Globe" as "an educator, motivational speaker, and game show host, all rolled up in one," Kapilow will be joined by the California State University, Fullerton Symphony Orchestra. The performance, sponsored by George and Bev Ray, takes place at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11.

Ovation Award nominee Terron Brooks delves into "The Soul of Broadway" with his re-interpretations of classic and contemporary Broadway songs at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 13. Twice nominated for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Award, Brooks is known for his work in Broadway's "The Lion King" and "Hairspray" and the Emmy-winning mini-series "The Temptations." The evening covers an array of Broadway favorites, such as a '90s R&B take on "Not While I'm Around" from "Sweeney Todd," "Something's Coming" from "West Side Story" and "Tomorrow" from "Annie." Tickets start at \$29 for this Director's Pick show.

The Company Men is the modern-day Rat Pack! Known for mashing together Top 40 hits with re-imagined classics, blending artists from Sam Cooke to Sam Smith and The Temptations to The Weeknd, the group pays tribute to the last eight decades of greatest hits in "The Ultimate Mix Tape." The ensemble has performed with music bigwigs such as Mariah Carey, Chaka Khan, Natalie Cole and Billy Idol. Catch the act on Saturday, October 14 at 8 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$29.

Get ready for an exciting night of Rock 'n' Roll! Lou Gramm, the original vocalist of the British-American group Foreigner, teams up with ASIA Featuring John Payne. Relive Foreigner's timeless hits – including "I Want to Know What Love Is," "Cold as Ice" and "Feels Like the First Time" – and songs from ASIA Featuring John Payne, such as "Who Will Stop the Rain," "Heat of the Moment" and "Only Time Will Tell." Tickets start at \$39 for this concert on Friday, October 27 at 8 p.m.

The month closes out with The Commodores and The Spinners on Saturday, October 28 at 8 p.m. Opening the show is six-time Grammy nominee The Spinners, who defined the smooth sound of Philadelphia Soul and topped music charts with the hits "I'll Be Around," "Could It Be I'm Falling in Love," "Working My Way Back to You" and "Cupid." One of the greatest Motown/R&B/Funk artists of all time, The Commodores delivered hit after hit, including "Machine Gun," "Sail On," "Brick House" and the Grammy-winning "Nightshift." Ticket prices start at \$54.

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

Cerritos YouTube channel now offering live streaming

The public can now watch City of Cerritos Council and Commission meetings on the City's YouTube Live platform. Meetings are streamed live in high definition and then archived for future viewing

approximately five minutes after the live meetings end. To access the City's YouTube Live platform, go to youtube.com/@CityofCerritos/streams. ■

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.

August 10, 2023

- Approved Mayor Bruce W. Barrows' nomination of Gene Burd to fill an unscheduled vacancy of an unexpired two-year term of service on the Planning Commission expiring April 30, 2024.
- Approved Mayor Pro Tem Naresh Solanki's nomination of Eric Westphal to fill an unscheduled vacancy of an unexpired two-year term of service on the Community Safety Committee expiring April 30, 2024.
- Awarded a contract to Rite-Way Roof Corp. in the amount of \$597,498 for Senior Center roof rehabilitation (total bid) and rejected the other bids; and
- Appropriated the unused \$715,800 in carryover funds for Project No. 23212 from the approved Fiscal Year 2022-23 Combined Financial Program into the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Combined Financial Program by way of a budget amendment.
- Rejected the sole bid received for the Sports Complex soil restoration, laser grade and sod installation, Project No. 23118, Bid No. 1501-23; and
- Authorized staff to re-advertise the project at a future date.
- 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.
- Directed staff to immediately commence and complete the actions necessary to sequentially construct a fiber optic network, including any necessary construction prerequisites, in the City of Cerritos utilizing the "Boring Option" for the phases and estimated costs of \$15,558,048 as detailed in the associated agenda report for this item; and
- Directed staff to immediately commence the necessary and ongoing strategies to market the project to applicable entities for the purpose of generating revenue; and
- Appropriated the funds necessary for all project elements from the City's existing General Fund reserve.
- Approved the purchase and acquisition of the art piece "Moulding Our Future" by artist Denny Haskew for inclusion in the City of Cerritos Art in Public Places Program; and
- Appropriated \$52,000 in funds for the purchase and acquisition of the subject art piece from the Art in Public Places Trust Fund.
- Ratified the executed Budget Amendments from the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as summarized in the Budget Adjustment Log (Exhibit 1) of the agenda report associated with this item.
- Adjourned the meeting in honor of Shree Jashbai P. Patel.

Street improvement projects under way

Two significant street improvement projects are currently under way in Cerritos.

The City recently began a traffic signal replacement project at the intersection of Carmenita Road (Moody Street) and South Street (Orangethorpe Avenue). This project will provide additional left turn lanes going north and south along Carmenita Road, replace the existing traffic signal and build a new raised median to the south of the intersection. The work is funded in part by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and is expected to be completed by the summer of 2024.

In September, the City began performing street improvements along 183rd Street between Shoemaker Avenue and Carmenita Road. The project consists of replacing the existing asphalt concrete surface and deficient concrete curbs and gutters, sidewalk panels, driveways and wheelchair access ramps. Construction is expected to last approximately two months.

Please expect delays at the affected intersections during this time. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220. ■

Attend Veterans Day Ceremony

The community is invited to attend the City of Cerritos Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 11 near the Cerritos Veterans Memorial in the Cerritos Civic Center. The program begins at 9:45 a.m. with prelude music and the ceremony is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. The event is being held in honor of those who have defended our nation's freedom by serving in the United States Armed Forces.

For more information about the Veterans Day Ceremony, contact the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101. ■

Cerritos to acquire "Moulding Our Future" sculpture

The Cerritos City Council recently approved the acquisition of the award-winning "Moulding Our Future" sculpture by Colorado artist Denny Haskew for the Art in Public Places Program and possible placement in the Cerritos Sculpture Garden. It is the last remaining art piece in the limited edition of nine pieces. The total cost of the artwork, including shipping and insurance costs and contingency funding, is \$52,000. The cost will be charged to the City's Artwork in Public Places fund.

Standing 86 inches tall, the artwork captures a simple moment between mother and child. Artist Haskew incorporates the themes of spirit, love, forgiveness, healing, relationship, endurance, the sacredness of the human spirit and the strength in each of us – the power of all that is natural.

The mold for "Moulding Our Future" was destroyed years ago, making it a limited edition because no other piece can be created without the mold.

"Moulding Our Future" won the 1990 Sculpture Award in Oklahoma City. It also won the 1993 People's Choice Award and the 2012 Award of Merit in Arkansas. ■

Annual parking permit renewals begin November 6

Annual overnight parking permit renewals will begin on Monday, November 6. Please go to safercerritos.com to renew your permit online.

Permits are normally required to park on City streets between 3 and 5 a.m. to help keep streets clear and allow residents and deputies to quickly spot suspicious vehicles.

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

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, and the Senior Center and Fitness Center will be closed at 1 p.m.

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.

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

Cerritos Senior Center roof rehabilitation contract awarded

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$597,498 contract to Rite-Way Roof Corp. in Fontana to demolish and replace the roof at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. The project is expected to begin in early 2024 and to be finished by that autumn. The work is not expected to impact Senior Center operating hours. ■

Resources sought for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony

Planning is under way for the City's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony to be held on Monday, January 15, 2024.

The Community Participation Division is seeking resources from the public for the event. Members of the community are invited to suggest speakers, inspirational text, quotations or other resources by calling (562) 865-8101 or submitting suggestions to the Community Participation Division, P.O. Box 3130, Cerritos, CA 90703. Suggestions may also be submitted by email to community_participation@cerritos.us. ■

Holiday lights permitted for Diwali

Holiday lights and decorations are permitted in the City to celebrate the Diwali holiday. No commercial messages may be displayed, and the lights and decorations must be removed within 15 days after the holiday. The five-day Diwali holiday falls between mid-October and mid-November. ■

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 **Sun., Oct. 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Sun., Oct. 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

11472 Thurs., Oct. 12

11473 Thurs., Oct. 26

11474 Thurs., Nov. 2

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

11475 Sat., Oct. 14

PRESSED FLOWER FRAME WORKSHOP FOR TWEENS/TEENS

Participants will learn about the process of pressing flowers and how to create designs with the materials. An assortment of both natural and dyed flowers and foliage will be arranged on a 4" x 6" plexiglass frame. Space is limited to 15 participants. This program is 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.

11476 Wed., Oct. 11 4-5 p.m.
Ages 11-17 Skyline Room B

BIONERDS: BEAUTY IS IN THE "EYE" OF THE BEHOLDER

Students will learn about the human eye in this fun hands-on biology workshop! Children will use lab equipment to examine and dissect an animal eye specimen. Space is limited to 15 participants.

11477 Fri., Oct. 13 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

CREEPY CRAWLIES SHOW AND TELL

Children will have an opportunity to meet a variety of arachnids, insects and reptiles. Space is limited to 30 participants.

11783 Thurs., Oct. 19 11 a.m.
Ages 2-6 Little Theater

LEGO DUPLO CLUB

Children will improve their motor skills as they build and create LEGO DUPLO creations using DUPLO building blocks. Space is limited to 12 participants.

11505 Fri., Oct. 20 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-4 Little Theater

HALLOWEEN TOTES FOR TWEENS

Tweens and teens will create a Halloween-themed canvas tote bag that is perfect for carrying library books! Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 12.

11506 Fri., Oct. 20 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 10-15 Art Studio

POPSICLE STICK CATAPULT CLASS

Students from Whitney High School Robotics Club will lead participants in a simple activity that will teach them about physics and dynamics. Space is limited to 15 participants.

11507 Tues., Oct. 24 4:15-5:15 p.m.
Ages 8-11 Little Theater

PUMPKIN PAINTING FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Join us in painting your very own Jack-O-Lantern. All supplies included. The fee is \$5 per teen. Space is limited to 10 participants.

11508 Thurs., Oct. 26 4-4:45 p.m.
Ages 11-15 Art Studio

MINIATURE LIBRARY ART MUSEUM

Children will create their own miniature Cerritos Library Art Museum featuring art pieces from around the Cerritos Library. They will learn about the different artists and the meaning behind each art piece, and take their creation home to share with family and friends. Space is limited to 15 participants.

11509 Fri., Oct. 27 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Skyline Room B

HAUNTED POKÉMON DRAWING CLASS

Learn to draw your favorite spooky Pokémon just in time for Halloween! Space is limited to 15 participants.

11510 Fri., Oct. 27 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Ages 7-12 Art Studio

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS 3D PRINTED SUGARSKULLS

Celebrate the Day of the Dead and decorate your own 3D printed skull. All supplies included. Space is limited to 15 participants.

10511 Wed., Nov. 1 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Skyline Room B

MOSAIC WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS

Learn the art of pique assiette, a style of mosaic using recycled materials with a variety of textures, colors and patterns, in a workshop presented by artist Dawn Mendelson. Each participant will create a small heart-shaped piece using repurposed ceramic and scrap glass. All materials are included. The fee is \$5 per adult. Space is limited to 15 participants.

10512 Thurs., Nov. 2 6-7:30 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

AUTUMN PERLER BEADS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Participants will create an autumn themed art piece using Perler beads. Space is limited to 10.

10513 Fri., Nov. 3 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 10-15 Art Studio

HALLOWEEN FAMILY MOVIES

Come and join us for some spooky movies that are perfect for the whole family! Space is limited to 40 participants.

"Goosebumps" (2015) Rated PG

11514 Wed., Oct. 11 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Little Theater

"Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween" (2018) Rated PG

11515 Wed., Oct. 18 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Little Theater

"Coraline" (2009) Rated PG

11516 Wed., Oct. 25 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Little Theater

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

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. All are welcome to attend this one-day event, with special efforts made to be inclusive for visually impaired individuals.

Sat., Oct. 7 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

FAMILY SOLAR ECLIPSE SCIENCE NIGHT

In preparation for the upcoming annular solar eclipse on Saturday, October 14, discover the science of solar eclipses through various activities and hands-on learning. The program will feature a presentation by Angel Zhu of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Exoplanet Exploration Program.

Thurs., Oct. 12 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

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LOS SÁNCHEZ MARIACHI PERFORMANCE

Los Sánchez brings a family-based approach to mariachi music. This performance will feature different interpretations of mariachi and arrangements by Esbeyde Sánchez, eldest of the quartet.

Fri., Oct. 13 5 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE PROGRAM

Join us as we learn about and view an Annular Solar Eclipse. Patrons are invited to meet near the "Tsunami" sculpture in front of the library to view the early morning annular eclipse beginning at 8 a.m. as part of the library's participation in SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries) program. Special solar viewing glasses will be distributed to the first 200 participants. Participants will also have the opportunity to view the eclipse through a telescope with a special solar filter. Following the viewing, those in attendance can enjoy a variety of hands-on eclipse-related activities in the Skyline Room. Distribution of eclipse glasses will begin outside at 8 a.m.

Sat., Oct. 14 8-10 a.m.
All Ages



Scan the QR code or go to scigames.org/eclipse to find out what the eclipse will look like in your area. There is also information on safe eclipse glasses and other safe viewing techniques.

FALL AND WINTER PLANTING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WITH YVONNE SAVIO

Yvonne Savio specializes in drought-tolerant techniques for growing fruits, vegetables, perennials, roses and succulents. She will discuss the many edibles and ornamentals to plant and enjoy during cooler seasons. This program is 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., Oct. 16 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

FAMILY NIGHT: CALIFORNIA JOE'S SPOOKY MAGIC ADVENTURE

Join us for a family-friendly, interactive magic show perfect for Halloween. The show is not too scary and includes plenty of audience participation.

Tues., Oct. 17 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 "Lady Clementine" by Marie Benedict. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

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

Fri., Oct. 20 11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT" (1947)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Gentleman's Agreement," starring Gregory Peck and Dorothy McGuire, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 118 minutes.

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

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

Fri., Nov. 3 11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

CELLO RECITAL YINGYING ZHANG AND HER STUDENTS

The students of Yingying Zhang, a well-known cellist, will perform a recital of cello and string music.

Fri., Nov. 3 7:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

GRAB-AND-GO HALLOWEEN CRAFT

Children ages 4-10 will be provided with materials to create a grab-and-go Halloween pumpkin craft. Please pick up the kit at the Children's Help Desk starting Monday, October 23, while supplies last.

IN-N-OUT COVER TO COVER READING PROGRAM

The In-N-Out Cover to Cover reading program is back! Children will be awarded a certificate for one free hamburger or cheeseburger for every five books read, for up to three awards! Children between the ages of 4 and 12 with a Cerritos Library Beanstack account and a valid Library card are eligible to participate. If the child cannot read independently, their parent may read to them. Children will use Beanstack to log their reading, either through the app or the website. Children must read and log five books to earn each digital badge (the badge will turn from black-and-white to color once the goal is met). When children earn a badge, they qualify for a Cover to Cover Achievement Award certificate, which can be redeemed for an In-N-Out hamburger or cheeseburger. Children may earn up to three badges and can receive a maximum of three Achievement Award certificates (one per week), while supplies last. The Cover to Cover Program kicks off on Monday, October 2 and will run through Monday, November 6.

BOOK SALE SET FOR OCTOBER 28

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a one-day book sale from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 28 in front of the Cerritos Library. In the event of rain, the book sale will be held inside the library. A great selection of fiction and nonfiction books, plus books in foreign languages and multimedia items, will be available at bargain prices. Come early for the best selection.

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 through the end of October.

Community input sought on library study room names

In response to a suggestion from members of the local community, the Cerritos City Council has approved a project to rename three of the Cerritos Library's Study Rooms after women.

The community is invited to vote for the three new names through a survey posted on the Cerritos Library's website at cerritoslibrary.us. The list of potential names includes Louisa May Alcott, Susan B. Anthony, Rachel Carson, Marie Curie, Mary Golda Ross, Katherine Johnson, Ursula K. Le Guin, Sally Ride, Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Chien-Shiung Wu. The list includes suggestions from the community members and women who are featured by the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum.

The names currently displayed for the Study Rooms are of men who were futurists and reflect the 21st Century theme on the second floor of the library. The names displayed include Isaac Asimov, Aldous Huxley, Nikola Tesla, Jules Verne and H.G. Wells. The adjacent Access Plus room is named for George Orwell. The three names to be removed will be determined through a random drawing.

The opportunity to vote for the new Study Room names will be available until Tuesday, October 31. City staff will then report back to the City Council with the results of the vote and a recommendation to re-name three Study Rooms after the top three vote-getters.

The library's Study Rooms can be reserved for studying by small groups of students, in junior high school and above. The rooms can be reserved in person with a valid Cerritos Library Card at the library's Reservation Desk, up to one week in advance and for up to two hours. ■

Cerritos Library launches new website

The Cerritos Library has launched a new website. The newly designed site features an attractive, contemporary design that is modern and easy to navigate. Visit cerritoslibrary.us to take a tour of the new site. ■

Entries sought for Kids Poster Contest

The City of Cerritos is hosting a Kids Poster Contest with the theme "With Art, Dreams Come True." 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 delivered to the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18.

Winning posters will be displayed on the City's website at cerritos.us starting Monday, October 30 through Monday, November 27. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

Business Spotlight

Pro Care Physical Therapy

Pro Care Physical Therapy 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.

Pro Care has been in Cerritos since 1994. Owner Kimberly Liptak, PT, started working at Pro Care in 1999 and eventually purchased the business in 2007.

An outpatient orthopedic physical therapy clinic, Pro Care treats all orthopedic diagnoses from head to toe, including sprains, strains, overuse injuries and post-surgical patients. The facility handles joint replacements, ACL repairs, rotator cuff repairs and cervical and lumbar (neck and back) surgeries. Pro Care also treats neurological patients, including stroke survivors and those with multiple sclerosis or gait and balance issues. The clinic's goal is to relieve pain and return patients to their prior functional and recreational abilities. Every patient receives a customized treatment plan.

Pro Care is located at 19141 Bloomfield Avenue in Cerritos. The phone number is (562) 924-8837.

Scare up some fun at the City's Halloween Festival

The City of Cerritos is hosting a Halloween Festival on Tuesday, October 31 from 5 to 9 p.m. in partnership with Los Cerritos Center.

The event will take place at the mall near the dining court parking lot. Attendees can participate in costume parades and enjoy entertainment, game booths, rides and gourmet food trucks.

All-night ride wristbands are available for \$10 (cash only) and can be purchased at the event until 8:30 p.m. Bills over \$20 will not be accepted. All participants must have a wristband to ride, and adults may be required to accompany children on certain rides. Most rides require participants to be at least 42 inches in height.

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

Cerritos Sheriff's Station offers spooky Halloween fun

Residents are invited to the Cerritos Sheriff's Station for family-friendly Halloween fun from 2 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 28.

Entry into the Haunted Jail is a \$4 suggested donation. Food, music and face-painting will be offered for a donated fee. There will be a \$1 entry fee for the inflatable obstacle course; unlimited entry to the course costs \$5. A costume contest for children ages 10 and younger will begin at 5 p.m. A Haunted

Boo-Tique featuring various vendors will also be held during the event.

A Haunted Car Show will be held from noon to 5 p.m. There will be awards for best interior, best paint, best engine, best original, People's Choice, best work in progress and best in show.

The Cerritos Sheriff's Station is located at 18135 Bloomfield Avenue. For more information, call (562) 860-0044. ■

Tips to stay safe on Halloween

For a safe and fun Halloween, follow these tips:

- If you forgo door-to-door trick-or-treating, consider attending the City's Halloween Festival from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31 at the Los Cerritos Center.
- Your children's costumes should be fire-retardant and non-restrictive to allow free movement and uninhibited vision. Masks should not hinder a child's breathing.
- Provide adequate warm clothing under the costume to protect against cold weather if necessary.
- Always remain in familiar territory.
- When going door-to-door, travel in groups with at least one responsible adult.
- Use flashlights, glow sticks or lighted wands to help you see and be seen.
- If a home does not have a porch light turned on, the residents likely do not want to be disturbed.
- Use discretion in determining which homes children should approach.
- Obey all pedestrian traffic laws. Cross at intersections and consider the existing street lighting. Keep the group together; kids can get caught up in the excitement and may run ahead of the group.
- Carefully inspect all items received before anything is eaten. Throw away treats that are not securely wrapped by the manufacturer.
- Consider only eating candied apples or other homemade treats if you know the person who prepared them.
- If you will be passing out candy, secure pets, remove all obstructions from the path to your porch and avoid using any open flame near the door. ■

2023 Great Shakeout planned for October 19

This year's Great Shakeout is scheduled for Thursday, October 19 at 10:19 a.m. The annual event is designed to educate the public about how to protect themselves during a large earthquake. Individuals can sign up to participate at shakeout.org and register to be counted in a global total.

Visit the website for information and resources about how to participate in the Great Shakeout. The City of Cerritos, including staff, Volunteers on Patrol, CERT members and HAM radio operators, regularly participates in the event with functional exercises, evacuation drills and communication drills. ■

Don't miss 2023 "Taste of the Region & Business Expo"

This year's "Taste of the Region & Business Expo" will take place on Thursday, November 2 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

Hosted by the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce, the "Cuisine, Culture, and Commerce" event showcases the best of more than 70 local businesses, offering raffle prizes and samples from the region's restaurants and local businesses. Admission is \$15, which includes a wristband for all-access food and beverage samples, business exhibits, auto displays, live entertainment, raffle opportunities and free parking. Children younger than 5 get in free with a paying adult.

For more information, visit tasteofcerritos.com or call (562) 467-0800. ■

TV3 Schedule: October

City Council and Commission Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meetings

7 p.m. on Thursday, October 12 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, October 13 and 10 a.m. on Monday, October 16

7 p.m. on Thursday, October 26 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, October 27 and 10 a.m. on Monday, October 30

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, October 5 (live), rebroadcasts: 3 p.m. on Friday, October 6 and 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4 (live), rebroadcasts: 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 5 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11

Property Preservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7

Program Highlights

Mayor's Weekly 60

10 a.m. on Sunday, October 1; 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 7; 6 p.m. on Friday, October 13; and 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 22

Town Hall Meeting on Public Safety

1 p.m. on Sunday, October 1; Noon on Wednesday, October 11; and 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 19

CCPA 2023-2024 Season Preview

1 p.m. on Sunday, October 8; 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10; and 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18

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

11 a.m. on Sunday, October 1; 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 7; 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10; and 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 21

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

Calendar of Events

- September 30 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on October 7, 14, 21 and 28.
- October 2 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 9, 16 and 23. Contact Virginia Harmon at (562) 477-3051.
- October 3 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 10, 17 and 24. Contact CT Chu at (562) 276-5831.
- **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 10, 17 and 24. 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 October 10, 17 and 24. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos. Also on October 17.
- October 4 • **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.
- October 5 • **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 October 12 and 26. Contact Manilal Fernando at (562) 402-4700.
- **Cerritos (Mid-City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 12, 19 and 26. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
- October 6 • **Senior Health and Wellness Fair**, 8:30-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park.
- October 10 • **Cerritos Republican Club**, 7-9 p.m., Cerritos Library. Contact Dean Grose at (562) 241-0235 or deanlosal@gmail.com or visit cerritos-republican.org.
- October 11 • **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m., 10929 South Street, Suite 116B, Cerritos. Also on October 25, 6-8 p.m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Mary Ann Tipton at (562) 706-2881.
- October 12 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Sue Verway at (562) 926-2660.
- **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 19 and 26. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.
- **Da' Hawaii Seniors Club**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 26. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.
- **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 19 and 26. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
- **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 6 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower. Also on October 26.
- October 15 • **National Friends of Libraries Week**
- October 19 • **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women**, 6:30 p.m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Gail Ross at gailross1947@gmail.com.
- October 26 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- October 31 • **Halloween Festival**, 5-9 p.m., Los Cerritos Center. For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.
- **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers

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West Nile virus confirmed in Cerritos

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has confirmed West Nile virus (WNV) in Cerritos.

WNV is transmitted to people and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. One in five persons infected with the virus will exhibit symptoms, which can include fever, headache, body aches, nausea and a skin rash. Severe cases can lead to paralysis or even death. Adults over the age of 50 years old and people with chronic health problems are at higher risk of severe illness. There is no cure nor human vaccine for WNV.

To reduce the WNV threat, GLACVCD and County of Los Angeles Public Health (Public Health) recommend the following tips:

- Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs or anything that holds water for more than a week.
 - Ensure that swimming pools, spas and ponds are properly maintained.
 - Change the water in pet dishes, birdbaths and other containers weekly.
 - Request mosquitofish from your local vector control district for placement in ornamental ponds.
 - Avoid mosquito-infested areas at dawn and dusk.
 - Cover up. Consider wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when you are outdoors, particularly at times and in areas where more mosquitoes are present.
 - Wear insect repellent when outdoors where mosquitoes may be present. Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD) or 2-undecanone. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.
 - Clean and chlorinate swimming pools; drain any water collecting on pool covers.
 - Report neglected (green) swimming pools to the Public Health Environmental Health Bureau at (626) 430-5200 or to a local vector control agency.
 - Use screens on windows and doors. Check for and repair holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outdoors.
- Dead birds may be reported by calling (877) 968-2473 or visiting westnile.ca.gov/report.php. ■

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