

# The Cerritos News

## Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts rings in holidays with diverse December shows



*A cappella sensation Straight No Chaser performs at the CCPA on Friday, December 29.*

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts rings in the holidays with a diverse lineup for December that includes a range of acts, from a *cappella* to Funk and Hip Hop to timeless holiday classics.

The “I Love the 90’s Tour” features a jam-packed lineup that brings audiences back to the trend-setting decade with some of the hottest names in Rap, Hip-Hop and R&B. Expect to be thrilled by Vanilla Ice (“Ice Ice Baby,” “Play That Funky Music”); Rob Base (“It Takes Two,” “Joy and Pain”); Grammy nominee Tone Loc (“Wild Thing,” “Funky Cold Medina”); Young MC (“Bust a Move,” “Principal’s Office”); and C+C Music Factory (“Gonna Make You Sweat [Everybody Dance Now],” “Things That Make You Go Hmmm...”). Ticket prices for the 8 p.m. show on Friday, December 1 start at \$69.

The annual tradition “Merry-Achi Christmas” returns to Cerritos in a colorful Mexican holiday celebration filled with seasonal songs, dance and festive merriment. Headlining the exciting two-day extravaganza is the nation’s premier Sol de México de José Hernández Mariachi, which is joined by America’s first all-female Mariachi – Reyna de Los Angeles – and DanzArts Sabor México Dance Company. The show is on Saturday, December 2 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 3 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$35.

The festive “Home for the Holidays” features renowned R&B and Soul Grammy winner Peabo Bryson (“If Ever You’re in My Arms Again,” “By the Time This Night Is Over”); four-time Grammy-nominated Gospel great Oleta Adams (“Get Here”); the prolific Soul and R&B group The 5th Dimension (“Up, Up and Away”; “Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In”); and Platinum-certified singer-songwriter and “American Idol” finalist Haley Reinhart (“Lo-Fi Soul”). Tickets start at \$49 for this 8 p.m. show on Friday, December 8. The concert is sponsored by Cerritos Auto Square.

The Los Angeles Symphony presents a holiday concert showcasing classic Opera arias and Christmas music. Maestro Hyun S. Joo leads 50 musicians, a 50-member choir and featured soloists. Group discounts, and facility

fees do not apply to this Performance Partner Program show. This show will have a no refund, no exchange policy. Tickets start at \$25 for this 7 p.m. concert on Sunday, December 10.

The “Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour 2023” returns to Cerritos with a festive, high-energy show at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 15 and Saturday, December 16. To get you into the holiday spirit, Grammy-nominated saxophonist extraordinaire Dave Koz leads a sterling lineup of Jazz greats, including Jonathan Butler with special guests Rebecca Jade and Marcus Anderson, and Justin Lee Schultz. Ticket prices start at \$59.

Gear up for the holidays with hits from the R&B-based Tower of Power. Creating a unique brand of groove that can be described as Urban Soul music, the ensemble has wowed generations of fans with the “Billboard”-charting “You’re Still a Young Man,” “So Very Hard to Go,” “What Is Hip?” and “Don’t Change Horses (in the Middle of a Stream).” Tickets start at \$49 for this Director’s Pick “Tower of Power Holiday & Hits” concert on Sunday, December 17 at 7 p.m.

Drumline Live’s soulful renditions of favorite holiday songs are guaranteed to get your toes tapping and fill your heart with seasonal joy. Chart-topping holiday classics get a marching band twist of Gospel, Jazz, Soul, Motown and Hip-Hop in the “Drumline Live Holiday Spectacular” at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 22. Ticket prices start at \$49 for the Aria Apartment Homes-sponsored show.

The *a cappella* sensation Straight No Chaser has won over hearts across the globe with nothing more than microphones in hand, grins ear-to-ear, witty banter on point and an uncanny ability to belt out holiday staples, R&B smooth jams and stadium anthems carried by style, swagger and spirit. Since the release of its first album “Holiday Spirits” in 2008, the ensemble has sold more than 1.6 million albums. See them in action on Friday, December 29 at 8 p.m. with tickets starting at \$60.

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

## Contact Santa this holiday season

Little ones can email or chat with Santa this holiday season.

To receive a call from the North Pole, register by Thursday, December 7 through the Classes/RACER link on the City’s website at [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us). Four to six year olds (registration number 11183) must be available to chat with Santa on Thursday, December 7 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Seven to nine year olds (registration number 11184) must be available to

take calls from the North Pole on Friday, December 8 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Heritage Park at (562) 916-8570.

Children ages 11 and younger can also email Santa starting Monday, November 27 through Friday, December 15. A link to email Santa will be posted on [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us).

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

## City to observe upcoming holidays

The following Cerritos facilities will be closed in observance of Christmas and New Year’s Day:

### *Christmas Eve*

The Cerritos Library and all Recreation facilities will be closed on Sunday, December 24. Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course driving range will close at 2 p.m.

### *Christmas*

City Hall, the City Clerk/Treasurer’s Office, the Cerritos Library, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) Ticket Office and all Recreation facilities will be closed on Monday, December 25. There will be no trash collection, and the schedule will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

City Hall, the City Clerk/Treasurer’s Office, the Cerritos Library, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, and the CCPA Ticket Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 26.

### *New Year’s Eve*

All Recreation facilities will be closed on Sunday, December 31. The Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course driving range and the Cerritos Olympic Swim & Fitness Center will close at 2 p.m.

### *New Year’s Day*

City Hall, the City Clerk/Treasurer’s Office, the Cerritos Library, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, the CCPA Ticket Office and all Recreation facilities will be closed on Monday, January 1. There will be no trash collection, and the schedule will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. ■

## Santa’s Holiday Float returns in December

Santa’s Holiday Float returns to Cerritos neighborhoods again this month. The program will be offered on seven nights in December and feature a float with Santa traveling through the residential areas of Cerritos. Children will have the opportunity to wave at Santa and enjoy a festive float with music and holiday decorations.

Santa’s Holiday Float will travel through the city starting at 6 p.m. Monday, December 4 through Wednesday, December 6; Monday, December 11 through Wednesday, December 13; and on Friday, December 15.

Maps showing the float’s route each evening will be posted on the City’s website at [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us) by early December. A GPS tracker will be placed on the float to allow residents to track its location each evening through a link on the City’s website.

In the event of rain, the float will be canceled for that evening and the route will be rescheduled to another night.

Parents are urged to supervise their children to keep them from running into the streets while the float is passing. ■

# 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 Chamber. 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.

## September 28, 2023

- Approved the Agreement for Employment of City Manager, as detailed in the agenda report associated with this item.
- Made the findings set forth in Sections one (1) through eight (8) of Resolution No. 2023-05, and incorporated by reference those findings, as they relate to the continued existence of a local emergency at 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 sixty (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. 2023-30, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos approving and attesting to the veracity of the 2022 power source disclosure annual report and power content label to the California Energy Commission.
- Awarded a four-year contract to Golden West Arbor Services, Inc., in the total amount of \$2,754,250 for Cerritos parkway tree maintenance, Bid No. 1519-23, and rejected the other bids.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-31, a resolution of the Cerritos City Council authorizing execution of a Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA) between the City of Cerritos and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of a portion of METRO'S West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) project located within the City of Cerritos.
- Received and filed the agenda report associated with an evaluation of current street conditions and a Cerritos Pavement Management Program update.
- Directed staff to bring a report to the City Council

internal ad hoc Policies and Procedures working group to review and discuss the modification of City Council Policy No. 7.07 – Cerritos Naming and Renaming of Facilities.

- Found that, pursuant to Section 3.20.060(h) of the Cerritos Municipal Code, dispensing with the bidding requirements for the proposed improvements and upgrades to the existing Cerritos Auto Square digital display sign is in the best interest of the City for the reasons described in the agenda report associated with this item including specifically, Subsection 6 of the Proposed Terms therein; and
- Authorized the City to provide financial assistance, in an amount not to exceed \$892,181.00, to the Cerritos Auto Square Dealer's Association to facilitate upgrades to the existing Cerritos Auto Square digital advertising sign along the San Gabriel Freeway (I-605), pursuant to the terms described in the agenda report associated with this item, in such form as prepared by the City Attorney and as the City Manager shall deem appropriate in connection with the completion of providing financial assistance for this purpose.
- Authorized the Office of the City Attorney to initiate litigation. The name of the case, defendants and other particulars, once formally commenced, will be disclosed to any person upon inquiry, in accordance with the California Government Code 54957.1(a)(2).
- Adjourned in memory of former Community Safety Committee Member Romy Bhardwaj.

## October 12, 2023

- Approved Councilmember Vo's nomination of Habib Ali to the Community Safety Committee, to fill an unscheduled vacancy of an unexpired two-year term of service expiring April 30, 2024.
- Approved the addition of the Strategic Planning Session on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at a City facility to be determined pending confirmation of availability, to the 2023 Cerritos public meeting schedule, pending modification of Cerritos Policy No. 2.04.
- Directed staff to draft minor modifications to Policy

No. 2.04 to allow for more flexibility in scheduling the Strategic Planning Session and present the revisions to the City Council for final review and consideration at a subsequent meeting.

- Awarded a contract to Southwest Offset Printing in the amount of \$82,106.85 for printing of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts 2023-2024 Calendar of Events, Bid No. 1522-23.
- Awarded a contract to Everfence Corporation in the amount of \$34,000.00 for Sports Complex fencing refurbishment (total bid), Bid No. 1521-23, and rejected the other bids.
- Authorized the City to join as a co-plaintiff/co-petitioner in the case entitled City of Whittier et al. v. Superior Court of Los Angeles County et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 23 STCP 03579, transferred to Orange County Superior Court with the same case number. The complaint was filed by the City of Whittier and other cities in Los Angeles County challenging the Los Angeles County Superior Court's recently adopted Misdemeanor and Felony Bail Schedules, with the case seeking declaratory and injunctive relief and/or writ of mandate to enjoin the implementation of the Bail Schedules. The substance of the case may be summarized as challenging what is commonly referred to a "zero-bail" or "no bail" system, and more specifically summarized as alleged in Paragraph 29 of the Complaint: "Defendants failed to satisfy their mandatory duties as to setting of bail" because the recently adopted Bail Schedules "impose a blanket lifting of whole swaths of categories from being bailable offenses, and requires only citation and release, or booking and release, as to blanket categories of offenses – with no detention or individualized evaluations or assessments of particular crimes or individuals"; and
- Authorized the law firm representing the City of Whittier and multiple city plaintiffs, Jones & Mayer, to serve as special counsel to the City of Cerritos as a co-plaintiff/co-petitioner in the litigation.
- Adjourned in memory of former Cerritos Commissioner and resident Chan Yong Kim.

## Donate to local community programs this holiday season

This holiday season, residents are invited to donate to local community programs, including Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree Program.

The annual Toys for Tots program, sponsored by the United States Marine Corps with the City of Cerritos, provides gifts to local underprivileged children. New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off now through Wednesday, December 13 in the Toys for Tots bins at Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Library, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, Liberty Park, Cerritos Park East and Cerritos Sheriff's Station.

The Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree Program helps brighten Christmas for needy children. To participate, pick up one or more tags at the Cerritos Senior Center now through Friday, December 8. Each tag will list the child's age, gender, clothing size and toy request. Submit your donation, along with the original tag, to the Cerritos Senior Center on or before Wednesday, December 13.

For more information, call the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101. ■

## 2024 community calendars to be delivered

The 2024 Cerritos Community Calendar will be delivered to Cerritos residents and businesses starting the week of November 27. The 2024 calendar features a cover photo of the award-winning Cerritos Library. Inside photos are of City parks, facilities, events and businesses.

The calendar also includes a directory of community clubs and organizations, a roster of elected and

appointed officials, performance dates for the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts and dates for various City meetings and events.

The calendars will be delivered door-to-door by a delivery service. Calendars are limited to one copy per home or business in Cerritos. Residents who have not received a calendar by Friday, December 29 can request one at the City's reception desk in City Hall. ■

## Christmas tree recycling offered

Residents in single-family homes can recycle their Christmas trees beginning Tuesday, December 26 through Friday, January 5 by placing them at the curb for pick-up by 7 a.m. on their trash collection days. The trees will be composted or used for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District's daily landfill cover.

Trees to be recycled should not contain any lights, tinsel, nails, metal stands or decorations, and should not be placed in bags. Trees more than 4 feet tall should be cut in half. Flocked trees will be accepted.

Businesses in Cerritos or residents living in apartments or condominiums can place trees next to their trash bin for collection. For more information, call the City's Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220. ■

## Overnight parking restrictions eased for holidays

Out-of-town guests visiting family and friends in Cerritos for the holidays are welcome to park overnight on Cerritos streets without a permit during the City's annual holiday parking moratorium.

No parking permit will be required from Saturday, December 9 through Monday, January 8 for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

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. Overnight parking permit renewals are taking place now.

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



# December 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., Dec. 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

### PHONE REGISTRATION

#### Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

### WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Fri., Dec. 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 25 participants.

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

**11824** Thurs., Dec. 14  
**11825** Thurs., Jan. 4

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

**11842** Sat., Dec. 9

### SUCCULENT TREE DECORATING FOR TWEENS/TEENS

Participants will design their very own succulent tree. Learn about the care and maintenance of succulent cuttings and make an arrangement with winter foliage and succulents using sustainable floral materials and elements. Miniature ornaments and ribbons will be provided to help spread the holiday cheer! 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.

**11826** Mon., Dec. 11 4-5 p.m.  
Ages 11-17 Art Studio

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Get in the holiday spirit by decorating your own gingerbread house.

We supply the house, icing and candy, you provide the imagination! The class fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 10 participants.

**11828** Tues., Dec. 12 3:30-4:15 p.m.  
Ages 7-10 Art Studio  
**11829** Mon., Dec. 18 4-4:45 p.m.  
Ages 11-15 Art Studio

### WINTER BULB PLANTING

Join us for an exciting presentation by Kay Begum, a Los Angeles County Master Gardener and a graduate of the University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Learn all about planting bulbs for the winter season. Planting materials, bulbs and tools for use in class will be provided. 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.

**11830** Wed., Dec. 13 6 p.m.  
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

### HOLIDAY PAINT PARTY FOR KIDS

Celebrate the holiday season and paint a festive holiday scene. The class fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 15 participants.

**11832** Thurs., Dec. 14 3:30-5 p.m.  
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

### CRAFTS FOR ADULTS: WOOD AND FIBER NECKLACE

Learn how to make a modern, understated and playful wood and fiber necklace. Give it as a gift or keep for yourself! The fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 12 participants.

**11843** Thurs., Dec. 14 6 p.m.  
Ages 18 & Over Board Room

### STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

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

**11831** Fri., Dec. 15 11 a.m.-noon  
Ages 2-5 Little Theater

### CARDBOARD GINGERBREAD HOUSE AND UGLY SWEATER ORNAMENT CRAFTS FOR TWEENS/TEENS

Join us as we create mini cardboard gingerbread houses and ugly sweater ornaments. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 12 participants.

**11833** Fri., Dec. 15 4-5 p.m.  
Ages 11-15 Art Studio

### PERCY JACKSON'S DEMIGOD TRAINING DAY

Calling all Percy Jackson fans! Join us for fun Camp Half Blood related activities. Receive a prophecy, make your own shields, compete with your fellow campers and more! Space is limited to 20 participants.

**11834** Fri., Jan. 5 1-3 p.m.  
Ages 8-12 Skyline Room

### BABIES 'N' BOOKS

Children and caregivers participate in music, nursery rhymes, simple stories and books. The class is limited to 20 participants. For more information, call (562) 916-1343. No class on January 15 and February 19.

**11835** Mon.,  
Jan. 8-Mar. 18 11 a.m.  
Ages 6-25 mos. Little Theater

### MATH HOMEWORK HELP

An after-school mathematics homework help program will be offered for Cerritos residents. Students should bring their math homework and a book to read. A parent or designated individual is required to sign students in and out of each class meeting. Space is limited to 20 participants per class. No class on January 15 and February 19.

**11836** Mon.,  
Jan. 8-Mar. 18 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Grades 3-5 Art Studio

### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT MONDAYS

Children and parents will participate in 30-45 minutes of songs and movement activities that enhance both the growth and fine motor skills of the child. The class is limited to 20 participants. No class on January 15 and February 19.

**11837** Mon.,  
Jan. 8-Mar. 18 5:15 p.m.  
Ages 4-6 Little Theater

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft activity. The class is limited to 18 participants.

**11838** Tues.,  
Jan. 9-Mar. 19 11 a.m.  
Ages 3-5 Art Studio

### HOMEWORK HELP

An after-school homework help program will be offered for Cerritos residents. Students should bring their homework and a book to read. A parent or designated individual is required to sign students in and out of each class meeting. Space is limited to 15 participants per class. Please register for only one of the following sessions.

**11839** Tues.,  
Jan. 9-Mar. 19 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Grades 1-6 Art Studio  
**11840** Wed.,  
Jan. 10-Mar. 20 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Grades 1-6 Art Studio

### CHILD & TEEN READ ALOUD

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

**11841** Wed.,  
Jan. 10-Mar. 20 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Ages 6-8 Little Theater

# December Library News

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## The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

### **KIEHL'S HOLIDAY SKINCARE CLASS**

Join us for a fun and informative holiday skincare class from expert staff from Kiehl's Los Cerritos. Learn how to keep your skin healthy and glowing throughout the winter season.

Mon., Dec. 4 6 p.m.  
Ages 11 & Over Skyline Room A

### **HOLIDAY CONCERT BY THE CYPRESS SENIOR CHORUS**

Enjoy the sounds of the season as the Cypress Senior Chorus shares beautiful holiday selections. Your spirits will be lifted by the lovely choral sounds of this class from North Orange Continuing Education's Older Adults Program. Director Lee Lassetter is a local educator, organist and music therapist. The choir is comprised of older, retired adults who love to share their joy of singing with the community.

Wed., Dec. 6 7 p.m.  
All Ages Skyline Room

### **NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" (1946)**

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "It's A Wonderful Life," starring James Stewart and Donna Reed, followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 130 minutes.

Thurs., Dec. 14 6 p.m.  
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

### **BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS**

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "State of Terror" by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny. For more information, call (562) 916-1340.

Wed., Dec. 20 11 a.m.-noon  
Board Room

### **FAMILY KWANZAA CELEBRATION**

Kwanzaa is a Pan-African holiday celebrated by millions throughout the global African community. Join us as the African American Cultural Center presents a presentation and discussion on Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture.

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

### **ELLIE THE ELF: LOST IN THE LIBRARY SUN., DEC. 17-SAT., DEC. 23**

Our elf, lovingly known as Ellie, has arrived at the library and is jumping from shelf to shelf. Ellie has started a new game at the library. Every day she is moving and hiding in a different location. Children are welcome to come in, find Ellie's location and submit the answer to receive a small prize. Ellie only hides in the Children's Room of the library. Daily clues to locate Ellie will be provided at the Children's Desk. For children ages 2-12.

## Library Displays

### **FORMER FIRST LADY PATRICIA NIXON DISPLAY**

A special exhibit of photographs and memorabilia highlighting the life of former First Lady Patricia Nixon will be on display in the Local History Room through December. During her childhood she lived in Dairy Valley, the city that would become Cerritos.

### **WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS**

Ornaments from the White House Historical Association will be displayed on the second floor landing near World Traditions through December.

### **"ART OF THE BOOK: THE BOOK AS ART"**

A display of animal-themed book art from the Cerritos Library's "Art of the Book: the Book as Art" special collection will be featured in the first floor lobby through December.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony and contests planned

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City of Cerritos will host a special celebration on Monday, January 15 at 10 a.m. in the Sierra Room of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The public is invited to attend this free event, which will include remarks by the Cerritos City Council and community involvement through songs and comments.

As part of the City's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, the Cerritos Library is sponsoring art and writing contests for students. The art contest is open to students in kindergarten through grade 12. Participants may submit one art entry, no larger than 12" x 18," using any drawing or painting materials.

The writing contest is open to students in grades 7 through 12. Participants may submit one writing entry, which may be a poem or an essay with no more than 300 words, preferably typed on letter-size paper.

All art and writing contest entries should represent the theme of "Living the Dream: It Starts With Me – Spreading Hope, Courage and Unity." Contest entry forms are available at the Cerritos Library and on the City's website at [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us). Completed art and writing entries must be dropped off at the Cerritos Library by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3.

Selected entries will be recognized at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony and on the City's website. For more information, call the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101. ■

## City to help fund Cerritos Auto Square sign upgrades

The Cerritos City Council has agreed to help pay for upgrades to the existing Cerritos Auto Square digital sign, which serves as an advertising mechanism for the center.

Under an agreement with the Cerritos Auto Square Dealer's Association, the City will provide financial assistance not to exceed \$892,191 for improvements to the sign along the San Gabriel Freeway (I-605). Fifty percent of the total project costs will be reimbursed to the City with interest over a five-year term.

The sign was last upgraded in 2013. The existing digital display panels are operating at less than half their brightness levels due to age. Furthermore, the parts needed to maintain the panels are difficult to procure and are no longer under manufacturer's warranty. The average lifespan of high-quality digital display panels is typically between seven and 10 years.

The Cerritos Auto Square generates about \$1.5 billion in sales annually, with the City receiving approximately \$14.8 million sales tax revenues yearly. ■

## Tree maintenance contract awarded

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$2,754,250 four-year tree-maintenance contract to Golden West Arbor Services, Inc.

The Pomona-based company will trim approximately 27,230 trees during the four-year term. This tree-trimming cycle is consistent with the International Society of Arboriculture standards.

The contract covers essential tree-related maintenance services in addition to basic contract tree trimming. Essential contract services include emergency after-hour tree removal and trimming services, necessary tree planting and specialized tree trimming. ■



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# Business Spotlight

## L.A. Triumph/Medgear

L.A. Triumph 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.

L.A. Triumph, doing business as Medgear Inc., has been in operation for more than 50 years. The women/minority-owned business is a leading supplier of high-quality uniforms and work wear, including medical scrubs, chef coats, lab coats, industrial work wear and hospitality uniforms. L.A. Triumph also offers a range of customized services, including embroidery, screen-printing and personalized designs to help customers create unique and professional uniforms.

The firm is dedicated to sustainability, using eco-friendly materials and manufacturing processes whenever possible to minimize its environmental impact.

L.A. Triumph, located at 13336 Alondra Boulevard in Cerritos, can be reached at (562) 404-7657 or at [medgear.com](http://medgear.com).

## CCPA lighting system to be replaced

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$359,263.16 contract to Barbizon Lighting Company to upgrade the lighting control system at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

The Colorado-based company will replace outdated dimmer control modules throughout the facility. The new platform is designed to extend the life of the existing dimming system, simplify backup and repairs, and remove networking barriers. The project also includes replacing the existing house and work light control systems with Paradigm processors and control stations to unify control of the theatrical lighting elements under a single network.

The updated control modules are expected to extend the operational life of the system, improve reliability and save energy.

To minimize disruptions, the work will be scheduled around shows and events. The project is expected to conclude in summer 2024. ■



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December 1, 2023

Happy Holidays!

The City of Cerritos looks forward to this festive season and is thankful to the community and for all that has been accomplished this year.

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in February with an exciting lineup of shows, including a performance by legend Paul Anka.

The City was excited to launch new social media channels, including a Facebook page and Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts. An Instagram account was also started for the CCPA.

The City welcomed a new Cerritos Sheriff's Station commercial enforcement deputy, Alvin Tompkins. Deputy Tompkins is responsible for ensuring the safety of the public by leading the City's commercial traffic enforcement efforts.

The CCPA and the Cerritos Library debuted newly designed websites this year. New websites are in the works for the City, Safer Cerritos and Shop Cerritos.

The City Council Chamber was upgraded with state-of-the-art audio/video equipment to support an optimal viewing experience for those attending meetings in person and those watching online or on Cerritos TV3. Live streaming of City Council and Commission meetings was launched on the City's YouTube channel.

On the business front, the Keystone Plaza shopping center was remodeled, a Starbucks drive-through was approved in the Target property on Bloomfield Avenue and Kia of Cerritos began a remodel and expansion.

The City celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Let Freedom Ring Celebration this year with a spectacular event at the Civic Center that included entertainment, rides and a fireworks show.

Perhaps most significant this year was the retirement of longtime City Manager Art Gallucci, who served our community for more than 50 years. We thank Mr. Gallucci for his service, and welcome new City Manager Robert A. Lopez to the role. We wish Mr. Lopez much success as we look to 2024 under his new leadership.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Best Wishes,  
Cerritos City Council

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## City Hall to undergo security improvements

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded an \$87,050 contract to Southern Cal Construction in Beverly Hills for security improvements at City Hall.

The project will consist of construction and installation of various storefronts (window and door framing and glazing), security doors and other facility security enhancements. The company will perform security improvements on the third floor of City Hall at the entrance

to Human Resources and administration offices and on the first floor in the City Clerk's Office. Carpet replacement will be done as needed.

CWA AIA, Inc. completed the design for the first phase of the project, which includes the installation of two new storefronts, upgrades to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act and carpentry and electrical work.

The work is expected to conclude by June 2024. ■

# TV3 Schedule: December

## City Council and Commission Meetings

### Cerritos City Council Meeting

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

### Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

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

### Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6 (live), rebroadcasts: 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 7; and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13

## Program Highlights

### Mayor's Weekly 60

5 p.m. on Friday, December 1; 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 9; 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 17; and 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 23

### Town Hall Meeting on Public Safety

1 p.m. on Sunday, December 3; Noon on Wednesday, December 13; and 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 21

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

11 a.m. on Sunday, December 3; 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 9; 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12; and 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 23

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

# Calendar of Events

- December 1 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 15. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- December 2 • **Cerritos City Council Strategic Planning Session**, 10 a.m., Cerritos Park East.
- **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on December 9, 16, 23 and 30.
- December 4 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 11 and 18. Contact Virginia Harmon at (562) 477-3051.
- December 5 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 12 and 19. Contact CT Chu at (562) 276-5831.
- **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 12 and 19. 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 December 12 and 19. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos.
- December 6 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.
- December 7 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on December 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 December 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 December 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 December 14, 21 and 28. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
- December 12 • **Cerritos Republican Club**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Dean Grose at (562) 241-0235 or deanlosal@gmail.com or visit cerritos-republican.org.
- December 13 • **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m., 10929 South Street, Suite 116B, Cerritos. Contact Mary Ann Tipton at (562) 706-2881.
- December 14 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **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 December 28. Contact Carmelita Tionson at (562) 305-7995.
- **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 6 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower.
- December 24 • **Christmas Eve**
- **Cerritos Library and Recreation facilities closed**
- **Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course closed at 2 p.m.**
- December 25 • **Christmas**
- **City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Library, Senior Center, all Recreation facilities and CCPA Ticket Office closed**
- December 26 • **City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Library, Senior Center, and CCPA Ticket Office closed**
- December 31 • **Recreation facilities closed**
- **Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course and Swim Center closed at 2 p.m.**

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## Friends of the 1st CEB volunteers sought

The City of Cerritos adopted the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (1st CEB), United States Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, in 2007 to encourage strong ties between the Marine unit, residents and the City. The Friends of the 1st CEB is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that organizes programs in support of the Marines.

Each month, the City joins with the Friends of the 1st CEB in honoring a marine for his or her high standards and outstanding work ethic and performance. Marines are presented with a proclamation by the Cerritos City Council, and are provided with accommodations and entertainment for a week-end sponsored by local businesses. The program is designed to recognize the marines of the 1st CEB who serve our country and protect our freedom, in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

First activated in 1941, 1st CEB has served from World War II through every major conflict to the present day. The unit's mission is to provide mobility, counter-mobility, survivability, and general engineering in support of 1st Marine Division.

The battalion consists of Headquarters and Service Company, Engineer Support Company, and four engineer line companies: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta Company (Cadred).

For more information about the Friends of the 1st CEB or the Meritorious Marine Program, contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174 or visit [friendsofthe1stceb.org](http://friendsofthe1stceb.org). ■

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