

# The Cerritos News

## CCPA's December shows celebrate the season



**THE TEN TENORS performs holiday favorites at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, December 6.**

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) welcomes the season with holiday shows for all ages.

The Temptations returns to the CCPA on Friday, December 4 at 8 p.m. with its timeless tunes. The Grammy-winning Soul-R&B quintet performs holiday hits and its classic songs, which include "The Way You Do the Things You Do," "My Girl" and "Papa Was a Rolling Stone."

Expect seasonal songs, dance and festive merriment when "Merry-Achi Christmas" returns to the CCPA on Saturday, December 5 at 7 p.m. Headlining the exciting 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 the riveting Danzarts – Sabor Mexico Dance Company.

THE TEN TENORS presents "Home for the Holidays" on Sunday, December 6 at 7 p.m. Following 16 years of sell-out performances enjoyed by more than 90 million worldwide, THE TEN TENORS has cemented its place as one of the world's most successful vocal groups. Embraced for their colorful repertoire, breathtaking arrangements and powerful live performances, the Australian tenors have enchanted worldwide audiences with their soaring versions of "Joy to the World," "White Christmas," "Amazing Grace" and more.

Grammy nominee Joe Nichols delivers his timeless hits and holiday tunes in "Joe Nichols' Country Christmas" on

Friday, December 11 at 8 p.m. The Country music-nominated singer is celebrated for the hits "Brokenheartsville," "Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off," "Sunny and 75" and "Yeah."

For 22 seasons, the popular "Colors of Christmas" extravaganza has delighted audiences annually at the CCPA. The tradition returns Saturday, December 12 at 8 p.m. with Grammy winner Peabo Bryson, Grammy nominee Oleta Adams and Grammy winners Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis, Jr. and BeBe Winans. The icons deliver holiday cheer and seasonal favorites.

The "Johnny Mathis Christmas Show" on Friday, December 18 at 8 p.m. is sold out.

Celebrating its 18th anniversary, "Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour" returns to Cerritos on Saturday, December 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 20 at 3 p.m. with a festive, high-energy show. Led by multi-Grammy nominee and saxophonist extraordinaire Dave Koz, the talented lineup includes acclaimed Jazz-R&B singer-songwriter Jonathan Butler, Dutch saxophonist Candy Dulfer and legend Bill Medley of The Righteous Brothers.

To purchase tickets or for more information about gift certificates, call the CCPA Ticket Office at (562) 916-8500 or visit [cerritoscenter.com](http://cerritoscenter.com). ■

## Kids, get in touch with Santa this holiday season

Children are invited to write a holiday letter to Santa this season or email and chat with him.

To receive a phone call from the North Pole, register by Monday, December 14. Four to five year olds (registration number 232267) must be available to chat with Santa on Tuesday, December 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Six to seven year olds (registration number 232268) must be available on Wednesday, December 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Eight to nine year olds (registration number 232269) must be available to receive calls from the North Pole on Thursday, December 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. To register or for more information, visit [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us) or call Heritage Park at (562) 916-8570.

Children ages 11 and younger may also email Santa through Thursday, December 17. Beginning Monday, November 30, a link to email Santa will be posted on [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us); or reach him directly at <http://santa.cerritos.us>.

Letters to Santa must be received by the Recreation Services Division on or before Thursday, December 17. Letters should be addressed to: Santa Claus, North Pole, P.O. Box 3130, Cerritos, 90703. To receive a response from Santa, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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

## City to observe upcoming holidays

Several Cerritos facilities will be closed in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day:

### Christmas Eve

Cerritos Library and Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23.

Cerritos Library, City Hall, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, the community gymnasiums at Cerritos and Whitney High Schools and the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) Ticket Office will be closed on Thursday, December 24.

On Thursday, December 24, community centers will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and the Cerritos Sports Complex will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. The Cerritos Swim and Fitness Center will be open for adult lap swimming from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for recreational swimming from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Fitness Center at the Swim Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Christmas Day

All City and park facilities, including the CCPA Ticket Office, will be closed on Friday, December 25.

### New Year's Eve

On Thursday, December 31, community centers will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and the Cerritos Sports Complex will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. The Cerritos Swim and Fitness Center will be open for adult lap swimming from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for recreational swimming from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Fitness Center at the Swim Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Cerritos Library and the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park will close at 5 p.m. The community gymnasiums at Cerritos and Whitney High Schools will be closed.

### New Year's Day

Cerritos Library, City Hall, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, the CCPA Ticket Office and the community gymnasiums at Cerritos and Whitney High Schools will be closed on Friday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day. The Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course will be open on Friday, January 1 from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. ■

## New artwork to be added to Cerritos Sculpture Garden

The Cerritos City Council has approved two new pieces of artwork for the Cerritos Sculpture Garden.

Seven art pieces were submitted for consideration by four artists. The chosen works are "Flame" by Lyle London and "Joker" by Jeff Zischke. The sculptures will be displayed for two years as part of a temporary sculpture display program in the Sculpture Garden. Each artist will receive a \$2,500 stipend.

London's "Flame" features an aluminum base and is composed of painted fiberglass. The paint has a metallic sheen that reflects various colors as the ambient lighting changes. The structure stands 10 feet tall and has a 6-foot base.

Zischke's "Joker" stands 8 feet tall on a 4x4-foot base. The contemporary sculpture features abstract designs and is made of painted steel. The "Flame" and "Joker" pieces are expected to be installed by spring of 2016.

Also to be installed in the Sculpture Garden is the "Join the Parade" ensemble by artist Jane Rankin. The piece was previously displayed at the Cerritos Plaza Shopping Center.

The Cerritos City Council has approved restoration of the original eight-piece set at a cost of \$45,000 from the Art in Public Places Trust Fund. The fund is supported by contributions from the business community as part of the City's development requirements. "Join the Parade" is expected to be installed in the Sculpture Garden in the fall of 2016. ■

## City's parking permit process modified

The Cerritos City Council recently approved modifications to the City's overnight parking permit process, moving from a semi-annual system to an annual one.

Previously, more than 51,500 semi-annual and temporary overnight parking permits were issued yearly. This was a labor-intensive and time-consuming process. By moving to an annual process, the City hopes to minimize the inconvenience to residents and cut down on paperwork. Of the 88 cities in Los Angeles County, 22 have overnight parking restrictions.

Overnight parking permits are required when parking on City streets between 3 and 5 a.m. To park on a City street overnight, a vehicle must display a valid parking permit from the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center. The restrictions help keep streets clear and allow neighbors and Sheriff's deputies to quickly locate suspicious people and vehicles. Community aesthetics and property values are also enhanced by this requirement.

For more information on the change to the overnight parking permit process, contact the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266. ■

# City Council Recap

City Council/Successor Agency meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at City Hall. For details, call the City Clerk's Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (562) 916-1248.

## September 21, 2015

- Approved Development Code Amendment 2015-2, making the findings set forth in Cerritos Planning Commission Resolution No. 2015-23; and
- Introduced Ordinance No. 997 amending various sections of the Cerritos Municipal Code relating to the creation of an expedited permitting process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems, in conformance with California State Assembly Bill 2188 (2014), herein referenced as Development Code Amendment 2015-2.
- Selected "Starburst" as the color palette for the new playground equipment at Bettencourt Park; and
- Selected "Ocean" as the color palette for the new playground equipment at Jacob Park; and
- Selected "Liberty" as the color palette for the new playground equipment at Liberty Park.
- Awarded Bid No. 1218-16 for the printing of the 2016 Cerritos Community Calendar to Advantage Mailing, Inc. in the amount of \$20,951.85.
- Awarded Bid No. 1212-16 for a 12-month contract for city-wide water feature maintenance and repair to Service First.
- Rejected the sole bid for the Cerritos Park East rubberized track resurfacing, Project No. 12797, Bid No. 1219-16.
- Authorized the filing of a Petition for Review of Cerritos v. State of California, Third District California Court of Appeal, Case No. C070484 with the California Supreme Court.

## October 8, 2015

- Awarded Bid No. 1213-16 for the purchase of one new 3/4-ton pickup truck with flat stakebed to Fairview Ford Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$36,735.21.
- Rejected the bid received from Lake Chevrolet in response to the Request for Bids for a 3/4-ton utility truck with liftgate, Bid No. 1214-16; and
- Authorized the purchase of the 3/4-ton utility truck with liftgate in the amount of \$37,116.95, utilizing a cooperative purchasing agreement through National Joint Power Alliance, Contract Number 102811, as authorized and permitted under Chapter 3.20.060(c) of the Cerritos Municipal Code.
- Awarded Bid No. 1215-16 for the purchase of one new 1-ton utility truck with utility box and hoist to Fairview Ford Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$36,739.57.
- Awarded Bid No. 1221-16 for the printing of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts' 2015-2016 Calendar of Events to Southwest Offset Printing in the amount of \$36,349.87.
- Approved Development Code Amendment 2015-3, making the findings set forth in Cerritos Planning Commission Resolution No. 2015-24; and
- Introduced Ordinance No. 998, amending Title 22 of the Cerritos Municipal Code relating to the establishment, location and/or operation of electronic cigarette retail establishments, herein referenced as Development Code Amendment 2015-3.
- Approved Development Code Amendment 2015-4, a request to amend Chapter 5.35 of the Cerritos Municipal Code related to licensing requirements for retail establishments that sell or distribute electronic cigarettes; and
- Introduced Ordinance No. 999, amending Chapter 5.35, Tobacco Retail Licensing Regulations, of the Cerritos Municipal Code, adding a definition for electronic cigarettes and clarifying licensing requirements for retail establishments that sell or distribute electronic cigarettes, herein referenced as Development Code Amendment 2015-4.
- Received and filed the informational update on the results of the City of Cerritos water audit and component analysis.
- Approved Resolution No. 2015-24 approving policies and procedures regarding requests for annual and temporary parking permits and rescinding Resolution No. 2000-47.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2015-25 approving an amended Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for job training coordination.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 997 amending various sections of the Cerritos Municipal Code related to the creation of an expedited permitting process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems, in conformance with California State Assembly Bill 2188 (2014), herein referenced as Development Code Amendment 2015-2.

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

In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City of Cerritos will host a special ceremony on Monday, January 18 at 10 a.m. at the Cerritos Civic Center. 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. Light refreshments will be served.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 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 "Be the Peace You Wish to See in the World." 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's Children's Help Desk, 18025 Bloomfield Ave., by 8:30 p.m., Monday, January 4.

After judging, selected entries will be displayed at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony. Selected authors may be invited to present their entry during the ceremony and selected art entries will be on display at the Cerritos Library throughout January and February.

For more information about the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony or the art and writing contests, call the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101. ■

## Overnight parking restrictions relaxed 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 12 through Tuesday, January 5 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.

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

## Christmas tree recycling offered

Residents in single-family homes can recycle their Christmas trees beginning Saturday, December 26 through Friday, January 15 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. ■

## Street improvements under way

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$492,472 contract to Sequel Contractors, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs for street improvements.

Sequel Contractors, Inc. is slurry-sealing parts of Carmentita Road, Beach Street, Marquardt Avenue and Artesia Boulevard. Streets being resurfaced include Durango Avenue, Veracruz Street, Yucatan Place, Sonora Avenue, Semora Avenue and Owen Avenue.

The project also includes pavement rehabilitation, replacement of deficient curbs and gutters, adjustment of utilities to grade and re-stripping of stop bars. Forty new wheelchair ramps will be constructed to meet Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.

The project is expected to be completed by December 4. ■



*The Cerritos Towne Center is just one of many shopping centers in the City.*

## Shop Cerritos this holiday season

Residents are encouraged to shop in Cerritos this holiday season as local purchases generate sales tax revenues that support many City services.

Experience the fun, variety, safety and convenience of shopping and dining in your hometown. The City of Cerritos features more than 30 shopping centers that include the finest department stores, discount and home-improvement centers and specialty shops. For a map of Cerritos shopping center locations, visit [shopcerritos.com](http://shopcerritos.com). ■

## 2016 community calendars to be delivered

The 2016 Cerritos Community Calendar will be delivered to Cerritos residents and businesses in December. The 2016 calendar features a cover photo of the "Infinity" sculpture in the Cerritos Sculpture Garden. Inside the calendar are photos of City parks, facilities, events, residents 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. Those who have not received a calendar by Wednesday, December 30 can visit the City's Communications Division in City Hall to request one. ■

## Prevent vehicle burglaries

Vehicle burglaries have increased considerably in Los Angeles and Orange counties. Cerritos Sheriff's deputies have reported the main cause of vehicle burglaries is the presence of items left in plain view. Laptop computers, cellular phones, purses, briefcases, wallets and gym bags are some of the most frequently stolen items.

The best security against vehicle burglars is to not leave items in your car. If you do have to keep items in your car, then secure or conceal them.

For more vehicle burglary prevention tips, call the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266 or visit the Safer Cerritos website at [safercerritos.com](http://safercerritos.com). ■

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November 27, 2015

Season's Greetings!

The City of Cerritos has much to be thankful for as our community celebrates the holiday season and looks forward to another exceptional year.

As 2015 comes to a close, the City is pleased to welcome several new exciting businesses to Cerritos. At the Los Cerritos Center, Dick's Sporting Goods and The Cheesecake Factory opened just in time for the holidays. The newly renovated Plaza 183 shopping center, formerly known as Best Plaza, held grand openings for Nordstrom Rack, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th, T.J. Maxx and Old Navy. The center features a freshly updated exterior façade and will debut additional new shops and restaurants in the coming months. The City welcomed In-N-Out Burger to the College Square shopping center in October.

The City continued to invest in the upkeep of the community's infrastructure, as it embarked on an extensive tree trimming project. The undertaking will result in the trimming of more than 4,000 trees throughout Cerritos. Playground improvements, including new surfacing and equipment, were completed at Saddleback Park and Frontier Park. A new picnic shelter designed to accommodate approximately 250 people was constructed at Camp Liberty, and Liberty Park's walking/running track, tennis courts and playground were resurfaced and rehabilitated.

As part of the City's efforts to help conserve water and to make its recycled water system available to other agencies, the City began construction on a recycled water pipeline originating in the City and continuing through portions of Lakewood and Cypress to service the Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Once completed, the project will result in an annual savings of 250 acre-feet of drinking water and generate revenue for the City.

The City was named a Tree City USA for the 17<sup>th</sup> straight year and a Playful City USA for the eighth consecutive year. Cerritos was proud to be named a Host Town for the Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015. In July, Cerritos welcomed more than 100 athletes from Uruguay and Guyana who competed in this year's Special Olympics World Games. The City's inaugural Cerritos Community Bike Event was held in October and proved to be quite popular among families and cycling enthusiasts.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our wonderful community and will continue to work towards enhancing community services. We wish you and your family a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

Best Wishes,  
Cerritos City Council

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## TV3 Schedule: December

### City Council and Commission Meetings

#### *Cerritos City Council Meeting*

7 p.m. on Thursday, December 10 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, December 11 and 9 a.m. on Monday, December 14

#### *Planning Commission Meeting*

7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, December 4 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9

#### *Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting*

7 p.m. on Thursday, December 3 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Monday, December 7 and 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8

### Program Highlights

#### *Cerritos Recycled Water System*

5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23

#### *Preservation Hall Jazz Band "Creole Christmas" at the CCPA*

5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 12; 9 p.m. on Friday, December 18; and 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 20

#### *Te Vaka in Concert at the CCPA*

9 p.m. on Saturday, December 5; 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 17; and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30

#### *The Bronx Wanderers in Concert at the CCPA*

7 p.m. on Friday, December 18; 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 19; 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22; and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23

#### *The Sphinx Chamber Orchestra in Concert at the CCPA*

9 p.m. on Saturday, December 19

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

# Calendar of Events

- November 28 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on December 5, 12, 19 and 26.
- **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 7 a.m.-noon, Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on November 29, December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.
- November 30 • **Rotary Club of Cerritos**, noon, HomeTown Buffet, 11471 South Street, Cerritos. Also on December 7, 14, 21 and 28. Contact Sharun Carlson at (562) 404-1993.
- December 1 • **Iron-Wood Women's Golf Club** plays, 7:30 a.m., Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course. Also on December 8, 15, 22 and 29. Contact Sharon Hamel at (562) 598-6165.
- **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 8, 15, 22 and 29. Contact Janet Liang at (562) 331-1028.
- **Classic Estates Toastmaster Club**, 6 p.m., Century 21 Classic Estates, 13217 South Street. Also on December 8, 15, 22 and 29. The public is invited to attend. Contact Soledad Almarinez at (562) 865-2922 for more information.
- **Soulful Seniors of Cerritos**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Louida Shaw at (562) 412-7448.
- **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 8, 15, 22 and 29. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- **ABC School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos.
- December 2 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- **Cerritos Cheerful Chatters Toastmasters Club**, noon, SELACO Workforce Investment Board, 10900 E. 183rd Street, 3rd Floor, Cerritos. Visitors welcome. Also on December 9, 16, 23 and 30. Contact Larry Lee at (562) 402-9336.
- **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Also on December 19 at 10 a.m. Contact Dorothy Owen at (562) 926-1092.
- **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 6-10 p.m., Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on December 9, 16, 23 and 30. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.
- **Toastmasters International Club 3828: Eclectic Dialectics**, 7:30 p.m., Vintage Cerritos, 11000 New Falcon Way, Cerritos. Also on December 9, 16, 23 and 30. Contact Pat Lozano or Nick Kim at (562) 281-7332.
- December 3 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Off Street Café, 11020 Artesia Blvd. Also on December 10. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.
- **Happy Seniors of Cerritos Association**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 17. Contact Emma Chupinghong at (562) 400-1075.
- **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 10 and 17. Contact Jashbhai Patel at (562) 382-7611.
- **Fil-AM Seniors of Cerritos**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 17. Contact Flor Carlos at (562) 879-9880.
- **Formosa Senior Association**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 10 and 17. Contact Chai Tsuan Liang at (562) 382-7769.
- December 4 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 11 and 18. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 860-6802.
- **Southern California Philippine U.S. Veterans Association**, 7:30 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Pedro Dionisio at (562) 881-3480.
- December 5 • **American Association of University Women Holiday Potluck Party**, 7 p.m., Harriet Moses residence. Contact Paulette Smith at (714) 897-7848.
- December 8 • **Cerritos-Artesia Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1846**, 6:30 p.m., Heritage Park. Also on December 22. Contact Jeffrey Enomoto at (714) 292-2985.
- **Cerritos Republican Club**, 7 p.m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Matt Kauble at (562) 743-1855, or visit the website at [cerritos-republican.org](http://cerritos-republican.org).
- **Volunteer attorneys** provide free basic legal advice and referrals for Cerritos residents, 7-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 22. Call (562) 916-8101 for an appointment.
- December 9 • **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m., Coco's, 11510 E. South Street, Cerritos. Also on December 23. Contact Pat Law at (562) 924-6222.
- **Cerritos Rod & Gun Club**, 7 p.m., Heritage Park. Contact Mike Van Scoy at (562) 926-4392.
- December 10 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Marilyn McGorman at (562) 860-8944.
- **Cerritos Senior Dance Club**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Juanita Cantano at (562) 926-2912.
- December 12 • **Santa's Holiday Island**, noon, Heritage Park.
- December 13 • **'Ahaui 'O Lili'uokalani Hawaiian Civic Club of Southern California**, 10 a.m., John Jensen residence. Contact John Jensen at (562) 926-2286 for more information.
- December 14 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on December 21 and 28. Contact Josie Garcia at (562) 926-1225.
- December 16 • **Veterans Workshop Seminars**, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., SELACO Workforce Investment Board, 10900 E. 183rd Street, #392 (3rd Floor), Cerritos. Also on December 22 at the Employment Development Department, 12715 S. Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk. For more information, please call (562) 929-9107.
- December 17 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 p.m., Café n' Stuff, 9306 E. Firestone Blvd, Downey. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.
- December 18 • **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**, Cerritos Area Alumnae Chapter. Please call Chapter voicemail at (714) 517-7909 for meeting time and location.
- December 21 • **Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club**, 7 p.m., Coco's, 11510 E. South Street, Cerritos. Contact Tina Cho at (562) 822-5950 or [hhdemocrat@gmail.com](mailto:hhdemocrat@gmail.com).
- December 23 • **Library and Senior Center closed at 5 p.m.**
- December 24 • **Christmas Eve**
- **City Hall, Library, Senior Center and CCPA Ticket Office closed**
- **Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course and Community Centers closed at 4 p.m.**
- December 25 • **Christmas**
- **City Hall, Library, Senior Center, Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course, Community Centers and CCPA Ticket Office closed**
- December 31 • **Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course and Community Centers closed at 4 p.m.**
- **Library and Senior Center closed at 5 p.m.**

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## Holiday donation programs offered

This holiday season, residents are invited to donate to local community programs.

The annual "Toys for Tots" program sponsored by the United States Marine Corps in cooperation with the City of Cerritos provides gifts to local underprivileged children. Clubs, families and individuals are encouraged to donate dolls, crafts, toy cars, building blocks, books and other items for infants and children. Possible gifts for teens include notebooks, games, curling irons, blow dryers, books or CDs. New, unwrapped items are requested to help make sorting and delivery more efficient.

Toys for Tots donations can be dropped off through Wednesday, December 16 in one of the Toys for Tots bins at Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Library, Heritage Park, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, Liberty Park, Cerritos Park East, Cerritos Olympic Swim Center and Cerritos Sheriff's Station. Marines stationed in Seal Beach will deliver the toys to several agencies serving local children. For more information, call (562) 865-8101.

The Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree Program brightens Christmas for needy children. Pick up tags before Friday, December 11 from the Angel Tree located in the Cerritos Senior Center. Each tag (for infants through 12-year-olds) lists the child's age, gender, clothing size and toy request. Bring the donations - with the original tags - to the Cerritos Senior Center on or before Wednesday, December 16.

Monetary donations and grocery store gift cards are being sought for the annual Artesia-Cerritos Community Christmas Program (ACCCP), benefiting hundreds of local disadvantaged families. Donations will be accepted through Tuesday, December 8 at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and Holy Family Catholic Church in Artesia (18708 S. Clarkdale Avenue). Checks or money orders can be mailed to the Artesia-Cerritos Community Christmas Program (ACCCP), P.O. Box 4803, Cerritos, CA 90703. For more information on volunteering and the ACCCP, call (562) 860-1582.

A 1st CEB Adoption Committee Toy Drive will collect new, unwrapped toys and gift cards (valued at \$15) for the children of 1st CEB Marines and sailors. Donations will be accepted from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, December 12 at the Cerritos Civic Center in front of the Sheriff's Station. For more information, contact Mickey Christianson at (562) 924-2159 or [nomadmic@aol.com](mailto:nomadmic@aol.com). ■

## City adopts solar panel ordinance

The Cerritos City Council recently adopted an ordinance establishing an expedited and streamlined permitting process for residential rooftop solar energy systems.

The new process complies with California law AB2188, which established statewide standards for cost-effective residential installation of solar energy systems. The standards apply to solar photovoltaic systems that are less than 10 kilowatts alternating current or solar thermal systems that are less than 30 kilowatts thermal.

The State law prevents the City from regulating the aesthetics of solar energy systems, but homeowners are encouraged to work with their contractors to ensure that solar energy systems are designed and installed to be compatible with the residence's architecture. Examples include painting exterior conduits to match the residence, running conduits inside attic spaces where feasible and placing support equipment behind block walls out of view.

For more information, call the Community Development Department at (562) 916-1201. ■

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