

The Cerritos News

CITY OF CERRITOS TURNS



Cerritos: A history in progress



Cerritos was incorporated on April 24, 1956 as the City of Dairy Valley. The City's original name reflected the agricultural focus of the community. Dairy Valley had 32,000 cows on more than 400 dairies and 106,300 chickens on licensed poultry farms. The cows outnumbered the City's 3,439 residents by nine to one.

The City voted on February 17, 1959 to become a California chartered city.

During the early 1960s, rising land values and property taxes began to make dairy operations uneconomical. On March 2, 1965, in a special election, the citizens of Dairy Valley decided to permit the building of homes on less than five acres per residence to allow for normal residential development.

The name change to Cerritos was made official on January 10, 1967. Cerritos was a natural choice, since the area was located near land that was part of the original Spanish land grant Rancho Los Cerritos, which figured prominently in the history of this region before California became a state.

By 1970 the City had grown, quickly and inevitably, to a population of 15,856 because of rapid residential development. The City wanted to develop in a well-planned manner according to a policy of continual environmental improve-

ment, with standards and goals which called for a park-like community with substantial amounts of open space for residential, commercial and industrial development.

On October 27, 1971, the first Cerritos General Plan was adopted to provide a positive program of controlled urban development. Administration of the General Plan guarantees attractive neighborhoods, location of services and shopping facilities near homes and a number of parks for recreation. The most recent version of the General Plan was adopted on January 6, 2004.

Almost 50 percent of the City's acreage is designed for residential living. By 1972, the population had grown from the 1970 census count of 15,856 to 37,738, making Cerritos the fastest growing city in California.

In 1978, Cerritos dedicated the nation's first solar-heated City Hall complex. In the early 1980s, the City developed the Cerritos Auto Square, which generates millions of dollars in sales tax revenue for the City annually, and in 1993, the world-class Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts first opened its doors. In 1997, the City opened the state-of-the-art Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center to provide public safety services to residents 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week.

In 2002, the 88,000-square-foot Cerritos Library was dedicated, featuring educational displays, an extensive art collection and conference center. A new 11,000-square-foot community center at Liberty Park was dedicated in 2005. The Cerritos Sculpture Garden and addition of a 5,000-square-foot fitness/wellness center at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park were dedicated in 2006 as 50th anniversary gifts to the community.

In 2008, Cerritos received the nation's oldest and most prestigious award, being named an All-America City by the National Civic League. In 2010, a 10,000-square-foot expansion and modernization of the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center was dedicated. In 2013, the Cerritos Library Teen Studio opened, providing a 2,500-square-foot multi-purpose space with extensive technological equipment for teens to participate in activities which encourage their educational, creative and personal development.

Today, Cerritos is a thriving commercial center that has built itself on a foundation of financial security, central location and an environment that is beautiful and efficient. A display featuring photos and information about "Cerritos: Then and Now" will be exhibited at the Cerritos Library throughout the month of April. ■

CELEBRATING ITS
6TH
ANNIVERSARY

CITY OF CERRITOS COMMUNITY SPRING FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 5-10 P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 12-10 P.M.

Classic Car Display 12-4 p.m.

Local History Booth 1-5 p.m.

60th Anniversary Formal Ceremony 4:30 p.m.

Fireworks 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 12-9 P.M.

Spring Dance Recital 4 p.m.

Cerritos celebrates 60th anniversary

Cerritos residents are invited to celebrate the City's 60th anniversary at the Community Spring Festival at the Cerritos Sports Complex from Friday, April 22 to Sunday, April 24. The festival will be held on Friday from 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday from noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. Entertainment will feature local talent and professional acts. Gourmet food trucks will provide specialty items for purchase.

Saturday highlights include a classic car display from noon to 4 p.m. and a local history booth showcasing Cerritos and Dairy Valley artifacts and historical memorabilia from 1 to 5 p.m. The Cerritos City Council will officially recognize the City's 60th anniversary at a formal ceremony to be held

at 4:30 p.m. A fireworks show will commemorate the special occasion at 8:30 p.m. The Spring Dance Recital will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission to the event is free, but there are nominal fees for certain attractions. Individual ride tickets are 50 cents each. All-day wristbands are available at Cerritos City Hall for a discounted price of \$25 if purchased by Thursday, April 21. Starting Friday, April 22, all-day wristbands cost \$30.

For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. If you are interested in volunteering for the festival, call Heritage Park by Friday, April 1 at (562) 916-8570. ■

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.

January 28, 2016

- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-1 adopting a Youth Employment Plan for the proposed Liberty Park Annex exterior improvements.
- Approved Development Code Amendment 2016-1, making the findings set forth in Cerritos Planning Commission Resolution No. 2016-2; and
- Introduced Ordinance No. 1002 amending Chapter 9.100 and Section 22.40.300 of the Cerritos Municipal Code relating to the cultivation and delivery of marijuana and medical marijuana, herein referenced as Development Code Amendment 2016-1.
- Approved the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$423,434 for the rehabilitation and repair of Well C-2 to General Pump Company; and
- Authorized the City Manager to approve up to 5 percent in additional contingency funding necessary to complete the work.
- Awarded a \$374,440 contract to Complete Landscape Care, Inc. for landscape and irrigation maintenance of the center medians and arterial planters; and
- Awarded a \$320,800 contract to Landcare for landscape and irrigation maintenance of Assessment District-6, Area IV-ADP-2 and freeway landscape; and
- Awarded a \$53,114 contract to Valley Crest Landscape Maintenance, Inc. for landscape and irrigation maintenance of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and City-owned property; and
- Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute any project-related change orders.
- Awarded a multi-year contract in the amount of \$1,162,400 for Cerritos parkway tree maintenance, Bid No. 1233-16, to Golden West Arbor Services, Inc.; and
- Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute any project-related change orders.
- Authorized the use of available funds originally allocated for the design of the South Street sewer rehabilitation project for Project No. 12719, Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts stage floor resurfacing; and
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$184,700 for Bid Item No. 1 of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts stage floor resurfacing, Project No. 12719, Bid No. 1230-16, to Petra CPS; and
- Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute any project-related change orders.
- Directed staff to continue the City's association with the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board.



The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts presents "Ragtime" on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2.

Broadway musical "Ragtime" comes to CCPA

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts concludes the 2015-2016 Season with an all-new touring musical production of the Tony winner "Ragtime" on Friday, April 1 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Set in turn-of-the-20th century New York, the stories of an upper-class wife, a determined Jewish immigrant and a daring young Harlem musician intersect – all three united by their desire and belief in a brighter tomorrow as they try to make a life for themselves in America. It's a timeless celebration of what life could (and should) be!

Tickets are available at cerritoscenter.com or by calling (562) 916-8500. ■

Community Safety Division counter hours change

Effective Friday, April 1, the Community Safety Division counter will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. (It is currently open until midnight.) Outside of these hours, residents can contact the Cerritos Sheriff's station 24 hours a day at (562) 860-0044.

The Community Safety Division counter handles administration of Sheriff's contract and services, overnight parking permits and parking enforcement, the Neighborhood Watch program and school crossing guards. It also acts as a liaison to the Los Angeles County Fire Department and provides information on emergency preparedness and animal control, including dog licenses. Personal property engraving devices are also available for loan at the Community Safety Division counter. For more information, call the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266. ■

CCPA ranked No. 1 on "Top Stops" list

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) was ranked No. 1 on the "Venues Today" California "Top Stops" list of venues with 2,000 or fewer capacity. "Venues Today" compiled the rankings based on concert and event grosses for 2015.

In 2015, the CCPA presented such shows as the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain, "Mamma Mia," Count Basie Orchestra, Neil Sedaka, Jon Secada and "Johnny Mathis Christmas Show."

"Venues Today" is a leading international trade publication covering the business side of entertainment and sports, particularly as it relates to venues. ■

CalMet rate adjustment approved

The Cerritos City Council approved a proposed rate increase by CalMet Services, Inc. for solid waste collection and recycling services in the City.

Monthly residential rates will go up 1.4 percent, bringing the new monthly cost to \$17.60, an increase of 24 cents. Commercial bin rates will be raised 0.7 percent and the roll-off dumpster rate will see a 1.1 percent increase.

The new rates will be assessed retroactively to January 2016, which will result in a retroactive charge of \$0.48 on residential March/April 2016 invoices.

Despite the rate hikes, Cerritos maintains one of the lowest residential trash and recycling rates in Los Angeles County. ■

City's Memorial Day Ceremony set for May 30

The City of Cerritos invites the community to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30 at 10 a.m. near the Cerritos Veterans Memorial in the Cerritos Civic Center.

The event is held in honor of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation's freedom as members of the United States armed forces.

The Memorial Day Ceremony will begin with prelude music at 9:45 a.m. The ceremony will include a presentation of colors; comments by the City Council; laying of wreaths; and a moment of silence. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

At the event, the Friends of the 1st CEB will be collecting donations of granola bars, beef jerky, mints and individual-sized powdered drink mixes for care packages to be sent to marines deployed overseas. New, unopened packages of wet wipes in packs of 20 will also be collected.

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

Earthquake preparedness tips offered

April is Earthquake Preparedness Month, and the City of Cerritos offers residents the following earthquake-preparedness tips from the California Emergency Management Agency.

After a major emergency, there is a good chance that traditional emergency response teams will be too busy to take care of you and your family. You need to prepare your home and neighborhood.

Prepare now

- Stock up on at least three days' supply of food, water, clothes, medical supplies and necessary equipment for everyone in the family.
- Make sure everyone knows where to find the supplies.
- Decide where and when to reunite with family when disaster strikes.
- Choose a person outside the immediate area to contact if family members are separated. Long distance phone service will likely be restored sooner than local service. Do not use the phone immediately after a major emergency.
- Know school and daycare policies. Make plans to have your children picked up if you are unable to get to them.

- For a non-English-speaking family member, prepare an emergency card (written in English) with the person's identification, address and special needs (medication and allergies). The person should keep the card with him or her at all times.
- Conduct earthquake drills – duck, cover and hold – every six months with the family.
- Practice stop, drop and roll drills for fire, as well as emergency exit drills in the house regularly.
- Know the safest place in each room because it will be difficult to move from one room to another during an earthquake or explosion.
- Locate the shutoff valves for water, gas and electricity. Learn how to shut off the valves before an emergency. Do not shut off utility valves unless directed to do so by the utility company.
- Make copies of vital records and keep them in a safe deposit box in another city or state. Store the originals in a safe place.
- Establish all the possible ways to exit the house. Keep those areas clear.

- Know the locations of the nearest fire and Sheriff's stations.
- Take photos and/or videos of your valuables. Make copies and keep them with a friend or relative in another city or state.
- Include the babysitter and other household help in your plans.
- Keep an extra pair of eyeglasses and house and car keys on hand.
- Keep extra cash and change on hand. If electricity is out, ATM machines do not work.

During an Earthquake

- Stay away from heavy furniture, appliances, large glass panes, shelves holding objects and large decorative masonry, brick or plaster such as fireplaces.
- Keep hallways clear. It is usually one of the safest places to be during an earthquake or explosion.
- Stay away from kitchens and garages, which tend to be the most dangerous places because of the many items kept there.

For more information, visit safecerritos.com and click on Emergency Preparedness under the Featured Links section. ■

Norm Reeves Honda Superstore remodel approved



A rendering depicts the new contemporary architecture design of the Norm Reeves Honda Superstore.

A proposal to remodel the Norm Reeves Honda Superstore dealership has been approved by the Cerritos City Council. The project involves a major interior and exterior remodel of the showroom, parts and services area and office building. A canopy extension will be added to the service department. Landscaping will also be refurbished throughout the grounds. The new look will adopt a more contemporary architec-

CPE track to be rehabilitated

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$136,990 contract for resurfacing and rehabilitating the track at Cerritos Park East. Beynon Sports Surfaces, Inc., of Fresno will perform the work. The project is expected to be completed in April. ■

Cerritos named a Tree City USA for 18th straight year

For the 18th year in a row, Cerritos has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. The honor is given to select cities throughout the country for their outstanding community forestry programs and commitment to their urban forest. Among the program requirements are the existence of a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive forestry program and an Arbor Day observance. Since the City's incorporation in 1956, the Public Works Department has planted more than 30,000 trees along City sidewalks and medians, next to freeway ramps and throughout the City's many parks and recreation facilities. In Cerritos, nearly every home has a City tree planted in its parkway. Approximately 250 young trees are planted each year to replace those that are damaged by storms, age or accidents. Trees help clean the air and have also been shown to increase property values. Residents are encouraged to properly care for the trees in their front and back yards. For more information on street-tree care or the City's tree ordinance, call the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220. ■

tural design overall, incorporating a white, silver metallic and blue exterior and metal panels and borders. Work on the finance offices and service lounge is estimated to be completed in June. Renovations on the showroom and sales area are expected to be completed by the end of the year. The dealership is located at 18500 Studebaker Road. ■

Reservations policy instituted for volleyball courts

Effective Sunday, May 1, a new reservations process will be implemented for the three sand volleyball courts at Liberty Park. The change was adopted to alleviate wait times during peak hours, which are generally 5 to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 3 p.m. to closing on weekends. The courts are open daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Under the new policy, Cerritos residents age 16 and older may reserve one court up to one week in advance with no fee. Residents must present a valid California driver's license or California ID with a current Cerritos address. Non-residents who are 16 and older may reserve one court for free up to two days in advance. All patrons must be in the City's CLASS system, which is used for facility reservations and class registration. Courts can be reserved on the hour or on the half hour. Patrons must check in no more than 10 minutes before their reservation time. A five-minute grace period will be given before the court is released to the next person waiting for the open court. Late comers will not be allowed to add time or make up lost time. Only one reservation per family account is permitted at one time. Reservations will be taken in person at Liberty Park or by phone during normal operating hours by calling (562) 916-8565. If no reservations exist, courts will be used on a first come, first served basis. ■

Beware of residential burglars

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reports an increase in residential burglaries throughout the county and urges Cerritos residents to take extra precautions. If you see strangers loitering, sitting in a parked car or knocking on doors with no apparent business or social purpose, call the Cerritos Sheriff's Station at (562) 860-0044. A deputy will be dispatched to check the neighborhood. Store jewelry, collectibles and other valuables in a safety deposit box when they are not in use. Home alarm systems and dogs are excellent residential burglary deterrents. Always lock doors and windows when away from home. Do not leave the garage door open if you are inside the home. For more tips, call the City's Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266 or visit Safer Cerritos at safercerritos.com. ■



New Neighborhood Watch signs will be posted throughout the City.

Neighborhood Watch signs redesigned

The City Council recently approved a new look for Cerritos' Neighborhood Watch signs. The new signs will be 12 inches by 18 inches, making them consistent in size with the City's "No Parking" signs. (Current Neighborhood Watch signs are 18 inches by 24 inches). The signs will be posted at the entrances to residential tracts. A smaller sign, 9 inches by 12 inches, will be displayed on interior neighborhood streets where there is an established Neighborhood Watch group. Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest crime-prevention programs, uniting law enforcement agencies, private organizations and citizens in a nationwide effort to cut crime. In Cerritos, there are currently 74 active Neighborhood Block Captains. To join or start a Neighborhood Watch group, call the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1258. If there is an existing group in your neighborhood, you will be referred to the Block Captain and given information on the next meeting. To establish a watch in a neighborhood that doesn't yet have one, recruit interested neighbors. Set a time and date to have a Sheriff's deputy or Community Safety Division crime-prevention officer come discuss crime-prevention tips and crime trends with the group. Visit safercerritos.com for more crime-prevention tips. ■

TV3 Schedule: April

City Council and Commission Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meetings

7 p.m. on Thursday, April 14 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, April 15 and 9 a.m. on Monday, April 18
7 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, April 29 and 9 a.m. on Monday, May 2

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, April 8 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13

Property Preservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26 (live), rebroadcasts: 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3

Program Highlights

Cerritos Resident Talent Show

7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 22; 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 23; 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 24; and 7 p.m. on Monday, April 25

Cerritos 60th Anniversary

7 p.m. on Friday April 22; 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 23; 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 25; and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27

Mystery on the Menu 2016

7 p.m. on Sunday, April 3 and 7 p.m. on Monday, April 11

Cerritos Library Book Art Collection

6 p.m. on Sunday, April 3 and 9 a.m. on Monday, April 11

Cerritos Recycles

5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1

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

Calendar of Events

- March 25 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- March 26 • **Easter Egg Hunts**, 10 a.m., Cerritos Regional Park. Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.
- **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 7 a.m.-noon, Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on March 27, April 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 and 30. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.
- **Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation** free tax preparation through Saturday, April 9, Norwalk Social Service Center, 11929 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. To make an appointment, call (562) 929-5961.
- March 27 • **Easter Sunday**
Library closed
- March 28 • **Rotary Club of Cerritos**, noon, HomeTown Buffet, 11471 South Street, Cerritos. Also on April 4, 11, 18 and 25. Contact Sharun Carlson at (562) 404-1993.
- March 29 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers. Also on April 26.
- **Iron-Wood Women's Golf Club** plays, 7:30 a.m., Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course. Also on April 5, 12, 19 and 26. 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 April 5, 12, 19 and 26. Contact Emma Tung at (562) 924-8730.
- **Classic Estates Toastmaster Club**, 6 p.m., Century 21 Classic Estates, 13217 South Street. Also on April 5, 12, 19 and 26. The public is invited to attend. Contact Soledad Almarinez at (562) 865-2922 for more information.
- **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 5, 12, 19 and 26. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- March 30 • **Cerritos Cheerful Chatters Toastmasters Club**, noon, SELACO Workforce Investment Board, 10900 E. 183rd Street, 3rd Floor, Cerritos. Visitors welcome. Also on April 6, 13, 20 and 27. Contact Larry Lee at (562) 402-9336.
- **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 6-10 p.m., Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on April 6, 13, 20 and 27. 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 April 6, 13, 20 and 27. Contact Pat Lozano or Nick Kim at (562) 281-7332.
- March 31 • **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 7, 14, 21 and 28. Contact Jashbhai Patel at (562) 219-0770.
- **Formosa Senior Association**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 7, 14, 21 and 28. Contact Chai Tsuan Liang at (562) 382-7769.
- April 1 • **Southern California Philippine U.S. Veterans Association**, 7:30 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Pedro Dionisio at (562) 881-3480.
- April 2 • **American Association of University Women**, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Cerritos Board Room, 11110 Alondra Boulevard, Norwalk. Contact Carol Marsh at (714) 995-6141.
- April 3 • **Community Center hours change to 10 a.m.-8 p.m.**
- April 5 • **Soulful Seniors of Cerritos**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Louida Shaw at (562) 412-7448.
- **ABC School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos. Also on April 19.
- April 6 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Also on April 23, 10 a.m. Contact Dorothy Owen at (562) 926-1092.
- April 7 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Off Street Café, 11020 Artesia Blvd. Also on April 14 and 28. 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 April 21. Contact Emma Chupinghong at (562) 400-1075.
- **Fil-AM Seniors of Cerritos**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 21. Contact Flor Carlos at (562) 879-9880.
- April 8 • **Friends of the Library pre-sale for members**, 6-8 p.m., Library Skyline Room.
- April 9 • **Friends of the Library book sale**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Library Skyline Room.
- **Cerritos Resident Talent Show**, 6 p.m., Cerritos Park East.
- April 10 • **Friends of the Library \$3-a-bag sale**, 1:30-3 p.m., Library Skyline Room.
- **'Ahahui '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.
- April 11 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 18 and 25. Contact Josie Garcia at (562) 926-1225.
- April 12 • **Cerritos-Artesia Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1846**, 6:30 p.m., Heritage Park. Also on April 26. 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.
- **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 April 26. Call (562) 865-8101 for an appointment.
- April 13 • **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m., Coco's, 11510 E. South Street, Cerritos. Also on April 27. Contact Pat Law at (562) 924-6222.
- **Cerritos Rod & Gun Club**, 7 p.m., Heritage Park. Contact Mike Van Scoy at (562) 926-4392.
- April 14 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Joanne Witt at (562) 860-2036 or Marilyn McGorman at (562) 860-8944.
- **Cerritos Senior Dance Club**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 28. Contact Juanita Cantano at (562) 926-2912.
- April 18 • **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.
- April 20 • **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 April 26 at the Employment Development Department, 12715 S. Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk. For more information, please call (562) 929-9107.
- April 21 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 p.m., Café n' Stuff, 9306 E. Firestone Blvd., Downey. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.
- **American Association of University Women**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., La Palma Community Center, King Palm Room, 7821 Walker Street, La Palma. Contact Mary Ann Quinn at (562) 924-1888.
- April 22 • **Community Spring Festival Celebrating the City's 60th Anniversary**, 5 p.m., Sports Complex. Also on April 23 and 24, noon.
- April 24 • **60th Anniversary of the City's Incorporation**
- April 28 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- **Philippine Society of Southeast Los Angeles**, 7 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Nimfa Castro at (562) 822-3633.
- April 29 • **National Arbor Day**

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Registration open for Whitney Summer Academy 2016

Registration is underway for the Whitney High Summer Academy 2016, which begins Tuesday, June 21 and ends Friday, July 15.

Hosted by the Whitney High School Foundation for Educational Excellence, the four-week academy offers hands-on learning that complements the school-year program. The summer curriculum encompasses a balanced selection of arts, fitness and life/study skills classes in addition to math, language arts, computer science and history. Created and designed by the acclaimed Whitney staff, most classes are taught by teachers with years of Whitney experience. The academy is open to sixth through eleventh graders, but younger students will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The price is \$315 for one class; \$570 for two classes; and \$770 for three classes. A Performing Arts Camp producing award-winning "Shrek Jr." is open for students 7 to 16 years old and available for \$300. Family discounts are available. For more information, visit sa.whitneyhighfoundation.org or call (562) 926-5566, extension 22300. Whitney High School is located at 16800 Shoemaker Avenue, Cerritos. ■

Relay for Life participants sought

The American Cancer Society will hold a Relay for Life of Cerritos-Artesia event on Saturday, June 4 at Liberty Park to honor cancer survivors, raise money to help end cancer and promote how individuals can reduce their cancer risk. The event will start at 9:30 a.m.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Sarah Ambrose at (562) 304-5873 or sarah.ambrose@cancer.org. You can also register or make a donation at relayforlife.org/cerritosca. ■

Join the Virtual Block Club

Cerritos residents can make a significant contribution to improving the community's safety by joining the Virtual Block Club (VBC).

As a VBC team member, you will serve as the "eyes and ears" of the community for Cerritos Sheriff's deputies, and are encouraged to share crime trend and prevention information with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers; monitor your neighborhood and report suspicious people and vehicles; report graffiti and neighborhood quality of life problems; perform neighborhood disaster response and homeland defense duties; support the City's Volunteers on Patrol in emergencies; and participate in Citywide disaster response exercises.

Members of the VBC receive:

- Immediate BOLOs (Be on the Lookout) when appropriate
- Weekly crime summaries and maps
- Emergency preparedness training opportunities

To join the Virtual Block Club, please visit safercerritos.com and click "Virtual Block Club" in the Featured Links section. Or you can access the City's website at cerritos.us and click on the red envelope in the upper left corner and sign up through the E-News service. ■

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