

The Cerritos News

Cerritos Celebrates the Arts in October

Cerritos Celebrates the Arts, a month of art-themed activities, will be offered by the City of Cerritos throughout October. The Americans for the Arts has designated the month of October as National Arts and Humanities Month.

The City's Recreation Services Division will hold art-themed children's activities throughout October. A variety of art classes highlighting painting, ceramics and drawing will be featured. Special events include "Starry Night," "Artsy Artists" and "Parent/Child Create Art With Me." A children's poster contest with a theme of "The Arts Are Alive in Cerritos" will also take place in October. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

The Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park will feature art and music courses in October. Yoga, magic and crafts classes will also be offered. For more information, call the Cerritos Senior Center at (562) 916-8550.

Cerritos Library's October schedule highlights numerous art-themed events, including arts and crafts for kids; the Young Rembrandts art class; a presentation by Rob Kapilow; an art contest featuring the theme "Colors of the Rainforest"; and a "Why I Was Late to Class" short story contest. For more information about the Cerritos Library's programs, call (562) 916-1388. ■

Wildlife feeding ban adopted in Cerritos

The Cerritos City Council recently approved a ban on feeding wildlife at Cerritos recreation facilities with areas of water to protect the health and safety of the public and birds and animals.

The City's Parks Division has reported an increased accumulation of excrement and uneaten human foods at the bottom of the pond, walkways and surrounding areas of Heritage Park, which experiences the highest number of patrons feeding ducks, fish and turtles in the moat. There has also been a continuous decline in the water quality of the moat, which is attributed to the increase in the duck, fish and turtle populations.

Signs banning wildlife feeding will be posted at all Cerritos recreation facilities with bodies of water. ■



The Veterans Day Ceremony will take place Friday, November 11 near the Cerritos Veterans Memorial.

Attend Veterans Day Ceremony

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

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

CCPA packs October lineup with exciting shows

The October schedule at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) is filled with exciting acts.

With her Grammy-winning international hit "It Must Be Him," Vikki Carr is one of the most celebrated voices in the United States, Latin America and Europe. The three-time Grammy and Latin Grammy winner delivers her hits – which include "The Lesson," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," "For Once in My Life" and "Pen in Hand" – on Saturday, October 1 at 8 p.m.

Award-winning actress Carol Burnett will take questions from the audience in "An Evening of Laughter and Reflection" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 6. The comedienne shares stories and video clips from "The Carol Burnett Show," where her studio audience had an opportunity to ask the icon questions and receive spontaneous answers. This Performance Partner Program has a no refund, no exchange policy.

Named male vocalist of the year by the Country Music Association and the Academy of Country Music, Clint Black has sold more than 20 million albums worldwide and has dominated music charts with the hits "A Better Man," "Killin' Time," "Like the Rain," "Nobody's Home" and "Walkin' Away." The Grammy winner returns to Cerritos on Saturday, October 8 at 8 p.m.

The enchanting biblical story of Joseph and his coat of many colors comes to life in Andrew Lloyd Webber's and Tim Rice's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat." The timeless musical weaves together a diverse palette of musical styles from Country-Western to Calypso with a live orchestra. The show times are Friday, October 14 and 21 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, October 15 and 22 at 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, October 16 and 23 at 2 p.m.; and Thursday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. This Broadway Performance Partner show offers ticket exchanges only for a new performance date and time within the series, subject to service charge and seating availability.

Composer Rob Kapilow kicks off his 2016-2017 "What Makes It Great?" series in Cerritos with "Gershwin – An American in Paris" on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. In a three-part format, Kapilow dissects the musical composition. The pieces are then performed with the Cal State Fullerton Orchestra and a lively Q&A concludes the evening.

The New Christy Minstrels' influence on Pop and Folk music is indisputable, with chart-topping hits like "Green, Green," "This Land Is Your Land," "Denver" and the Oscar-winning song "Chim Chim Cher-ee." The ensemble returns to Cerritos Friday, October 28 at 8 p.m.

Cerritos flushes water mains

The Cerritos Water Division started flushing the water mains throughout the City last month in response to the California State Water Resources Control Board's recommendation that all public water distribution systems be flushed to reduce stagnant water and sediment build-up.

Notices, placed on the front doors of residences, ask residents to refrain from using the water between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on their designated flushing days. If residents see discolored water during the flushing, they should refrain from using the water in their homes. Residents should check the water at the front hose faucet periodically to see if the color has cleared up. If the water looks clear, residents may run the faucets in their homes to flush out remaining sediment.

Direct questions or concerns to the Water Division at (562) 860-0311, ext. 2031. ■

Senior Health and Wellness Fair set

The Cerritos Senior Center's annual Health and Wellness Fair will be held on Friday, October 7 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Cerritos Senior Center.

The fair, for seniors age 50 and older, will feature free health screenings and a variety of information booths.

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



Vikki Carr performs Saturday, October 1 at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

With its breakthrough role in the 1996 comedy "Swingers," Big Bad Voodoo Daddy intoxicated audiences and cast a spell on the American contemporary swing scene. Known for its high-octane performances and the hits "Go Daddy-O," "You & Me & the Bottle Makes Three Tonight (Baby)" and "Mr. Pinstripe Suit," the band celebrates the music of Louis Armstrong, Louis Jordan and Louie Prima with a show on Saturday, October 29 at 8 p.m.

The Platinum-selling band Foreigner puts an acoustic spin on its timeless songs in "The Hits Unplugged" on Sunday, October 30 at 7 p.m. The group dominated the music charts throughout the '70s and '80s with a string of Top 10 hits, including "Waiting for a Girl Like You," "I Want to Know What Love Is," "Cold as Ice" and "Hot Blooded."

Check out the CCPA's subscription series – Broadway, Memory Lane and Rob Kapilow's "What Makes It Great?" series provide discount packages with significant savings off the regular ticket price.

Tickets for all performances are on sale now. For tickets or more information, call the CCPA Ticket Office at (562) 916-8500 or visit cerritoscenter.com. ■

Resources sought for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony

Planning is under way for the City's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony to be held on Monday, January 16, 2017.

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

Improvements made at Liberty Park

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a contract to Sully-Miller Contracting of Brea for \$237,780 to repave the Liberty Park parking lot. The cost of the project was funded by a Proposition A grant awarded to the City by Los Angeles County.

The project included curb and gutter improvements, the installation of two ADA-accessible ramps, re-striping and the replacement of the existing chain-link fence with a three-foot-high wrought iron fence.

The project was completed last month. ■

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.

July 28, 2016

- Directed the City Clerk to commence the biennial review of the City's conflict of interest codes pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974.
- Awarded Bid No. 1245-16, Cerritos Library Chinese language book collection development services, to Multicultural Books and Videos.
- Awarded Bid No. 1246-16, Cerritos Library Korean language book collection development services, to Total Library Services.
- Awarded Bid No. 1252-17, contract for the maintenance of the Cerritos sewer system, in the amount of \$243,435.50 to Empire Pipe Cleaning & Equipment, Inc. for a two-year term with a provision for an extension.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-19 approving Conditional Use Permit 85-7(A) (2016) amendment, a request by World Class Capital Group, on behalf of property owner Robert Maniaci, to permit self storage and automobile storage uses in an existing industrial building located at 17900 Crusader Avenue in Cerritos. The subject property is zoned industrial/commercial (APN No. 7034-017-032).
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-20 approving Precise Plan 85-10(A) (2016) amendment, a proposal by World Class Capital Group, on behalf of property owner Robert Maniaci, to convert an existing one-story industrial building into a three-story self storage and automobile storage facility. The proposal includes the addition of two new stories within the existing building, with an approximately two-foot increase in the existing building exterior wall height, for a total of three stories within the building interior; a remodel of the exterior façade of the building; and refurbishment of existing landscaping throughout the property located at 17900 Crusader Avenue in Cerritos. The subject property is zoned industrial commercial (APN No. 7034-017-032).
- Awarded a contract for the design of street improvement plans for Del Amo Boulevard between Bloomfield Avenue and Norwalk Boulevard to DMS Consultants, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$41,405.00; and
- Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute any contract modifications that may be necessary to complete the specified scope of work.
- Forwarded to the next meeting the review and consideration of a contract between the City of Cerritos and the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) for electric services and an agreement with WAPA, the Bureau of Reclamation and Boulder Canyon Project Electric Service Contractors for energy purchases.
- Authorized the City Manager to sign the first amendment to Partnership Agreement No. 2016-35 between Central Basin Municipal Water District and the City of Cerritos for development of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan for the additional preparation of the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan in the amount of \$2,460.00.

City enters into agreement for groundwater treatment system

The City of Cerritos has entered into an agreement with ES Engineering regarding the groundwater treatment system for the Cerritos Civic Center parking structure.

The arsenic levels in the water discharged from the Civic Center parking structure were found to exceed regulatory limits. ES Engineering has proposed a treatment system that will route water through filtration vessels that are designed to remove arsenic prior to the water being discharged into the storm drain system.

The installation and cost of the equipment is approximately \$400,000 with an annual maintenance expense of about \$50,000. Under a grant program with the California Energy Commission, ES Engineering will pay for the design, equipment acquisition, installation and maintenance of the system for two years. At the end of the grant term, ES will transfer ownership of the system to the City at no charge, thus saving the City approximately \$500,000 in expenses.

ES is expected to install the system and begin operation no later than January 1, 2017. ■

City renews sewer system maintenance contract

The City Council recently renewed a two-year contract with Empire Pipe Cleaning & Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$243,435.50 for maintenance of the Cerritos sewer system.

Empire Pipe Cleaning & Equipment, Inc. of Orange will maintain the City's sewage system, which consists of about 103 miles of sewer main lines and six submersible lift stations.

Empire Pipe Cleaning & Equipment has performed maintenance on the system since 1986. ■

Volunteers sought for Civil Grand Jury

The County of Los Angeles Civil Grand Jury Office is seeking well-qualified citizens to volunteer for the 2017-2018 Civil Grand Jury that will be impaneled on July 3, 2017.

The Civil Grand Jury is virtually a full-time commitment for a period of one year. The deadline to submit the application form is Friday, November 4. Applicants must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, a resident of Los Angeles County for at least one year, of ordinary intelligence and good character and have a working knowledge of English.

The responsibilities of the Civil Grand Jury include a careful examination of the operations of various government agencies within Los Angeles County, including special districts, to ensure that they are operating efficiently and managing taxpayer monies appropriately. A commitment of 30 to 40 hours a week is required. Participation is strictly voluntary. Employers are not obligated to provide participants with time off or to pay their salary when they serve on the Civil Grand Jury.

Each year every Superior Court judge may nominate two persons that he or she deems qualified to serve as Civil Grand Jurors. To be considered for nomination, submit an application to the Superior Court Criminal Justice Center, 210 W. Temple Street, 11th Floor, Room 11-506, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Applicants will be interviewed by the Grand Jurors Committee to determine each person's qualifications. The applications of qualified individuals are then made available to all Superior Court judges for possible nomination.

The 23 Civil Grand Jurors and Alternates are required to complete the financial disclosure forms in compliance with California Government Code Sections 81000-91015. Swearing-in for the Civil Grand Jurors is July 1 of each year (or the earliest day thereafter if July 1 falls on a weekend.) Jurors are required to be present for the Swearing-In Ceremony in July to receive the Charge to the Civil Grand Jury.

All Civil Grand Jurors must be available during July and August. For more information or to request an application form, call (213) 628-7914 or go to grandjury.co.la.us. ■

Free bulky item and electronic waste pickup available for residents

The City's trash hauler, CalMet Services, Inc., offers free bulky item and electronic waste pickups.

Bulky items are large items that will not fit into the trash and recycling containers. These include household appliances, mattresses, furniture and miscellaneous bulky items such as metal pipes, wood and carpet. Miscellaneous bulky items must be cut to four feet in length and bundled with string, and may not exceed a weight of 50 pounds. Pickup is also available for additional bagged or bundled waste and green waste that will not fit into the trash or recycling containers.

Electronic waste, such as computers, monitors, televisions and cell phones, can also be scheduled for curbside pickup. (Cell phones should be placed in a box on the curb.)

To schedule a bulky item or electronic waste pickup, call CalMet's Customer Services Department at (562) 259-1239 at least 24 hours prior to your regular trash service day. Specify what types of items are to be removed. CalMet requests that each bulky item or electronic waste pickup not exceed five items. Residents who schedule a bulky item or electronic waste pickup should place the items at the curb no earlier than sunset the night prior to the regular trash collection day and no later than 7 a.m. on the morning of the scheduled pickup.

Items not eligible for bulky item pickup include construction material, tires, car and boat parts and other hazardous waste. Hazardous waste can be dropped off at a household hazardous waste roundup. To find an upcoming household hazardous roundup event, call (888) CLEAN-LA or visit cleanla.com.

Before scheduling a bulky-item or electronic waste pickup, consider donating usable goods to charity. Call Goodwill industries at (800) GOODWILL or the Salvation Army at (800) 95-TRUCK to donate items. ■

It's the law: Clean up after pets

Residents are reminded that it is the law to clean up after your pets, whether they are on sidewalks, private front yards, school fields or parks. Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code prohibits residents from leaving pet waste on any public or private property that does not belong to the resident.

It is important to keep our City and the environment clean, and animal waste can get into City storm drains and flow into the ocean. To assist pet owners with clean-up, some City parks are equipped with special refuse bags.

Residents must also abide by the City's leash law, which requires all dogs to be on a leash while in public. A leashed dog protects the pet as well as residents, guests and City workers.

To complain about a barking dog, contact the City's Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266. ■



"Join the Parade" was recently installed at the Cerritos Sculpture Garden in the Cerritos Civic Center.

"Join the Parade" collection added to the Cerritos Sculpture Garden

The "Join the Parade" collection was recently installed in the Cerritos Sculpture Garden.

The ensemble, by artist Jane Rankin, was previously displayed at the Cerritos Plaza Shopping Center. The piece originally featured seven limited-edition bronze statues of young children using utensils and cooking tools as their band instruments. The City added an eighth sculpture, "Wheels," of a band member in a wheelchair. In 2014, it was discovered that three sculptures were missing. The remaining pieces were moved into storage.

The pieces, valued between \$43,000 to \$45,000, were donated to the City by the property owners of the Cerritos Plaza Shopping Center. The replacement of the three stolen sculptures, costing \$45,000, was paid from the Art in Public Trust Fund. The older five pieces were restored to match the three new pieces before the completed collection was installed in the Sculpture Garden in August. ■



The City's Halloween festival will be held Monday, October 31 at Cerritos Regional Park.

Scare up some fun at the City's Halloween Festival

The City's Halloween Festival offers family fun at Cerritos Regional Park on Monday, October 31 from 5 to 9 p.m. Costume parades, entertainment, rides, special games and carnival booths will be featured. Due to a renovation project, the Haunted House will not be offered at this year's event. The park is located at 19700 Bloomfield Avenue.

Admission to the festival is free, although a nominal fee applies to food and rides. Each ride requires one ticket per rider. Individual ride tickets are \$2 each, and all-night ride wristbands are available for \$7. Game booths will be offered free of charge. Bring a trick-or-treat bag to collect candy and prizes after playing the carnival games.

For the enjoyment of all and pursuant to the Cerritos Municipal Ordinance 9.48.030(p), dogs, cats or pets are not allowed in the park during special events and concerts. Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is prohibited within the boundaries of all City of Cerritos public park facilities, pursuant to the Cerritos Municipal Ordinance 9.49.020.

Happy Haunt Fun Zone

Children age 5 and younger are invited to enjoy a safe night of Halloween fun from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Games, crafts and entertainment will be provided.

Stage Activities

From 5 to 9 p.m., families are invited to participate in stage activities and costume parades. All stage activities are free.

Volunteers

Individuals, 13 and older, and community organizations that are interested in volunteering at the Halloween Festival should call Heritage Park at (562) 916-8570, before Tuesday, October 11. All volunteers must have an application/waiver on file, be fingerprinted and attend a general volunteer orientation prior to Wednesday, October 12.

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

Tips to stay safe on Halloween

For a safe and fun Halloween, follow these tips:

- If you forgo door-to-door trick-or-treating, consider other alternatives such as planning a party or attending the City's Halloween festivities on Monday, October 31 at Cerritos Regional Park.
- Pay attention to your children's costumes, which should be fire-retardant and non-restrictive to allow free movement and uninhibited vision. Ensure that masks do not hinder a child's breathing.
- If a youngster is going to be outside, provide adequate warm clothing under the costume to protect against cold weather.
- Always remain in familiar territory.
- When going door-to-door, travel in groups with at least one responsible adult.
- Use flashlights, "Glo-sticks" or lighted wands to help you see and be seen.
- If a home does not have a porch light turned on, the residents are indicating that they do not want to be disturbed.
- Use discretion in determining which homes children should approach.
- Exercise caution and obey all pedestrian traffic laws. Cross at intersections and consider the existing street lighting. Keep your group together, and remember that children can get caught up in the excitement of the evening and may run ahead of the group.
- Carefully inspect all items received before anything is eaten. Throw away treats that are not securely wrapped by the manufacturer.
- Consider only eating candied apples or other homemade treats if you know the person who prepared them.
- If you will be passing out candy, secure your pets, remove all obstructions from the path to your porch and avoid using any open flame near the door. ■

Haunted car show and jail offer spooky fun

Residents are invited to the Cerritos Sheriff's Station for a family-friendly Haunted Car Show and Haunted Jail event on Saturday, October 22. The jail is at 18135 Bloomfield Avenue. There is a \$3 suggested donation for entry.

The Cerritos Sheriff's Station's second annual Haunted Car Show is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be awards for the best interior, best paint, best engine, best original, best Halloween theme and best in show.

The Haunted Jail and Kidz Zone takes place from 3 to 9 p.m., offering music, candy and a raffle. Food, face-painting, drinks and creepy desserts are offered for a fee. A costume contest, for children age 10 and younger, starts at 5 p.m.

For more information, call the Cerritos Sheriff's Station at (562) 467-6842. ■



The Cerritos on Two Wheels event will take place at the Cerritos Sports Complex Saturday, October 1.

Register for Cerritos bike ride

Registration is underway for the Cerritos on Two Wheels community bike ride, scheduled for Saturday, October 1. The event takes place at the Cerritos Sports Complex at 19900 Bloomfield Avenue.

Ride times start at 7 a.m. for the Half Century riders; 8 a.m. for the 30-mile riders; 9:30 a.m. for the 15-mile riders; and 11 a.m. for the Family Ride riders. The ride routes were designed by professional racer Tony Cruz.

Through Thursday, September 29, the registration fee is \$65 for the Half Century riders; \$45 for the 30-mile riders; and \$25 for the 15-mile riders and \$10 for Family riders. On Friday, September 30 and on the day of the event, the fee is \$75 for Half Century riders; \$55 for the 30-mile riders; and \$35 for 15-mile riders and \$15 for Family Ride participants. Registration fees include a T-shirt and medal. Meals are included for all pre-registered riders. The post-ride event will include entertainment and family games.

Register at active.com. For more information, contact the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

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TV3 Schedule: October

City Council and Commission Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meetings

7 p.m. on Monday, October 10 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, October 15 and 9 a.m. on Monday, October 17

7 p.m. on Thursday, October 27 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, October 28 and 9 a.m. on Monday, October 31

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, October 6 (live), rebroadcasts: 3:30 p.m. on Monday, October 10 and 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, October 7 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12

Property Preservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25 (live), rebroadcasts: 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 27 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1

Program Highlights

Riders In The Sky in Concert at the CCPA

7 p.m. on Monday, October 24; 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 30

The Art of the Cerritos Library

6 p.m. on Sunday, October 2 and 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11

Cerritos Library Book Art Collection

6:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 2 and 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 20

Embromar in Concert

8 p.m. on Saturday, October 1 and 10 p.m. on Saturday, October 8

Cerritos Water Recycling

5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4 and 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 27

Vermeer: Master of Light

7 p.m. on Sunday, October 9 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 22

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

Calendar of Events

- September 23 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 30, October 14, 21 and 28. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- September 24 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.
- September 26 • **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 7 a.m.-noon, Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on September 25, October 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.
- September 27 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 10, 17 and 24. Contact Josie Garcia at (562) 926-1225.
- September 28 • **Rotary Club of Cerritos**, noon, HomeTown Buffet, 11471 South Street, Cerritos. Also on October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Contact Sharun Carlson at (562) 404-1993.
- September 27 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers. Also on October 25.
- September 28 • **Iron-Wood Women's Golf Club** plays, 7:30 a.m., Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course. Also on October 4, 11, 18 and 25. Contact Sharon Hamel at (562) 598-6165.
- September 29 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 4, 11, 18 and 25. Contact Emma Tung at (562) 924-8730.
- September 28 • **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 4, 11, 18 and 25. Contact Jashbhai Patel at (562) 219-0770.
- September 29 • **Classic Estates Toastmaster Club**, 6 p.m., Century 21 Classic Estates, 13217 South Street, Cerritos. Also on October 4, 11, 18 and 25. The public is invited to attend. Contact Soledad Almarinez at (562) 865-2922 for more information.
- September 28 • **Cerritos-Artesia Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1846**, 6:30 p.m., Heritage Park. Also on October 11 and 25. Contact Jeffrey Enomoto at (714) 292-2985.
- September 29 • **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 4, 11, 18 and 25. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- September 28 • **Cerritos Cheerful Chatters Toastmasters Club**, noon, SELACO Workforce Investment Board, 10900 E. 183rd Street, 3rd Floor, Cerritos. Visitors welcome. Also on October 5, 12, 19 and 26. Contact Larry Lee at (562) 402-9336.
- September 29 • **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m., Coco's, 11510 E. South Street, Cerritos. Also on October 12 and 26. Contact Pat Law at (562) 924-6222.
- September 28 • **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 6-10 p.m., Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on October 5, 12, 19 and 26. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.
- September 29 • **Toastmasters International Club 3828: Eclectic Dialectics**, 7:30 p.m., Vintage Cerritos, 11000 New Falcon Way, Cerritos. Also on October 5, 12, 19 and 26. Contact Pat Lozano or Nick Kim at (562) 281-7332.
- September 29 • **Cerritos (Mid-City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 6, 13, 20 and 27. Contact John Hwang at (562) 419-5445.
- September 28 • **Formosa Senior Association**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 13, 20 and 27. Contact Chai Tsuan Liang at (562) 382-7769.
- October 4 • **Soulful Seniors of Cerritos**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Louida Shaw at (562) 412-7448.
- October 5 • **ABC School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos. Also on October 18.
- October 5 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- October 6 • **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Also on October 22, 10 a.m. Contact Dorothy Owen at (562) 926-1092.
- October 6 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- October 7 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Off Street Café, 11020 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos. Also on October 13 and 27. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.
- October 7 • **Happy Seniors of Cerritos Association**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 20. Contact Emma Chupinghong at (562) 400-1075.
- October 7 • **Understanding Medicare** hosted by Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez, 10-11 a.m., Weingart Senior Center, 5220 Oliva Avenue, Lakewood. Call (562) 860-5050 for additional information.
- October 7 • **Annual Health and Wellness Fair**, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park.
- October 8 • **Southern California Philippine U.S. Veterans Association**, 7:30 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Pedro Dionisio at (562) 881-3480.
- October 8 • **United States Service Academy Information Forum** hosted by Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez, 10 a.m.-noon, Southeast Academy, 12940 E. Foster Road, Norwalk. Call (562) 860-5050 for additional information.
- October 9 • **'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.
- October 10 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- October 11 • **Community Office Hours** hosted by Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez, 4-6 p.m., Cerritos Library Board Room. Call (562) 860-5050 for additional information.
- October 11 • **Cerritos Republican Club**, 7 p.m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Becky Lingad at (562) 243-2135, or visit the website at cerritos-republican.org.
- October 11 • **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 October 25. Call (562) 865-8101 for an appointment.
- October 12 • **Cerritos Rod & Gun Club**, 7 p.m., Heritage Park. Contact Mike Van Scoy at (562) 926-4392.
- October 13 • **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Liberty Park. Contact Marilyn McGorman at (562) 860-8944 or Joanne Witt at (562) 860-2036.
- October 13 • **Da' Hawaii Seniors Club**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 25, 6-9 p.m. Contact Carole Roxas at (562) 884-2890.
- October 14 • **Cerritos Senior Dance Club**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on October 27. Contact Lilian Leonardo Goings at (562) 882-6023.
- October 15 • **Friends of the Library pre-sale for members**, 6-8 p.m., Library Skyline Room.
- October 15 • **Friends of the Library book sale**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Library Skyline Room.
- October 16 • **Friends of the Library \$3-a-bag sale**, 1:30-3 p.m., Library Skyline Room.
- October 17 • **Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club**, 7 p.m., Mimi's Cafe, 12727 Towne Center Drive, Cerritos. Contact Elaine Duvali at (562) 924-3583 or hhdemocrat@gmail.com.
- October 19 • **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 October 25 at the Employment Development Department, 12715 S. Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk. For more information, please call (562) 929-9107.
- October 20 • **Fil-AM Seniors of Cerritos**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Flor Carlos at (562) 879-9880.
- October 20 • **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women**, 6:30 p.m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Paulette Smith at (714) 697-7848.
- October 20 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 p.m., Café n' Stuff, 9306 E. Firestone Blvd., Downey. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.
- October 27 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- October 27 • **Philippine Society of Southeast Los Angeles**, 7 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Nimfa Castro at (562) 822-3633.
- October 31 • **Halloween Festival**, 5-9 p.m., Cerritos Regional Park.

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Follow traffic safety tips as children head back to school

The greatest threat to Los Angeles County residents, both personally and financially, isn't violent or property crime. In Cerritos, and perhaps also in the other 88 cities within the county, the most significant personal risk tends to occur while driving on local streets and highways. For most residents, the most common public safety-related incident is a car accident involving other cars, bicyclists or pedestrians.

Cerritos averages about 200 residential burglaries annually, but between 800 to more than 1,000 reported traffic collisions. Living defensively is important in reducing our crime risk, but driving defensively is even more important in reducing risk of personal injury and death.

With thousands of children now back to school, it is particularly important to heed school-related traffic safety tips. Below are some school safety tips provided by the National Safe Routes to School Program and the City of Cerritos Community Safety Division staff.

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits. This may be the most important safety tip to observe around schools.
- Comply with school drop-off and pick-up procedures. Many schools in Cerritos have student valet or parking lot transition programs and should be used if possible.
- Avoid double parking and stopping in crosswalks or in people's driveways to let children out of the car. Do not allow children to cross the street mid-block, and teach them to use crosswalks. Cerritos Sheriff's deputies have been directed to issue citations for these violations.
- Stop for a school bus when red overhead lights are flashing or a stop sign has been activated on the street side of the bus. Violating this law may result in a very expensive citation.
- Watch for children crossing streets near schools or at nearby corners. Pedestrians have the right-of-way when in marked or unmarked crosswalks. (Any intersection has an unmarked crosswalk unless a posted sign says otherwise.)
- Watch for children on sidewalks when backing out or entering a driveway.
- Pay attention to the directions of crossing guards, and take the time to thank them once in a while. There are 23 guards in Cerritos who put themselves at risk every day to protect the kids.

Heed these safety tips to help keep the children in Cerritos safe. ■

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. ■

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