

The Cerritos News

Attend Let Freedom Ring Celebration

The community is invited to attend the City's 49th Annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration, which will take place on Monday, July 4 from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Cerritos Civic Center. The event will include entertainment, a formal ceremony with the City Council at 6:30 p.m. and a fireworks show at 9 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair to view the fireworks. Barbecues and picnicking are not allowed.

Entertainment includes the Cerritos College Community Band, local residents and the 80s cover band Knyght Ryder. Games, rides and food trucks will also be available.

All-day ride wristbands, available for \$20 through 4 p.m. Friday, July 1, can be purchased at the Recreation Services Division counter at Cerritos City Hall. On Monday, July 4, the wristbands will be \$25. Individual tickets are \$1 each. Wristbands will not be sold after 7:30 p.m.

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

Fireworks prohibited in Cerritos

Residents are reminded that fireworks – including the “safe and sane” varieties sold in neighboring cities – are not allowed in Cerritos.

Cerritos Sheriff's deputies will strictly enforce the law, which has helped protect thousands of residents from injuries and property damage. ■

City facilities observe Independence Day

In observance of Independence Day, Cerritos City Hall, the City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, Cerritos Library, the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Office and the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park will be closed on Monday, July 4.

Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course will be open from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Reservations are currently required for course play and driving range use by calling (562) 916-8400. ■

Free vacation security checks offered to residents

The Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center offers free vacation security checks for residents. While you're away, a deputy or Volunteer on Patrol will check your home for broken windows, open doors or other evidence of suspicious activity.

Residents must fill out a vacation security check request form at least five business days before leaving on vacation. The form is available at safecerritos.com. Under the “Featured Links” section, click on “Crime Prevention: Hardening the Target” then “Vacation Security Check Request Form.” All information must be completed before the request can be processed. If it is less than five business days before the start of your vacation, call (562) 916-1266 to submit a vacation security check request by phone.

Ensure that all doors and windows are locked before leaving for vacation. Notify the Cerritos Sheriff's Station at (562) 860-0044 if you return before the indicated return date. ■

Water conservation encouraged amid drought

With California's drought worsening and hot and dry summer months expected ahead, the City of Cerritos encourages residents to follow these water conservation tips:

- Use sprinklers or hoses during off-peak hours, such as in the early morning or evening, to reduce evaporation and interference from wind. Check the sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers to prevent overspray and avoid watering homes, sidewalks or streets.
- Run only full loads in clothes washers and dishwashers.
- Avoid flushing toilets unnecessarily; dispose of tissues, insects and other similar waste in the trash instead.
- Don't leave the water running when washing dishes, brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Fix leaking faucets and save 20 gallons of water per day.
- Wash your produce in the sink or a pan that is partially filled with water instead of running water from the tap.
- Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run to get a cold glass of water.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk and save 150 gallons of water each time.
- For fish owners, when you clean your fish tank, use the water you've drained on your plants. The water is rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, providing you with a free and effective fertilizer. ■

Rabies clinic to be held in July

The City of Cerritos will hold a low-cost rabies clinic for dogs and cats in Shelter 1 at Cerritos Park East from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12.

The clinic is sponsored by Long Beach Animal Care Services and Artesia Animal Hospital, in cooperation with the City of Cerritos Community Participation division.

Rabies shots for dogs and cats will be available for \$12, and canine bordetella (kennel cough) shots cost \$18 each. Canine coronavirus vaccines are \$17, and Lyme disease vaccines will be \$25. DHPP shots, also known as the “6-in-1” vaccine that protects dogs from distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza and parvovirus, will be available for \$20. The comparable “4-in-1” (FVRCP) shot for cats cost \$20. Feline bordetella (FIP) shots will be \$32, and feline coronavirus (FELV) shots are \$20. In addition to vaccination fees, a \$3 biohazard disposal fee will be charged for each treated animal.

Checks for vaccines should be made payable to the City of Cerritos. A driver's license number and expiration date are required on all checks. Returned checks

are subject to a \$10 service fee. AVID microchipping will also be available for \$25 per cat or dog.

In addition to an annual rabies shot, dogs four months and older are required by law to have a license. Dog licenses will be sold to Cerritos, Long Beach, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach and Signal Hill residents at the clinics. Dog license fees for Cerritos residents are \$20, or \$10 for dogs that are spayed or neutered (a certificate is required to receive the discount). Seniors ages 60 and older may purchase up to three half-price licenses per household for dogs that are spayed or neutered. To obtain a license, dog owners must show a copy of a current rabies certificate, valid for 12 months, and a sterility certificate if the dog is spayed or neutered. Checks for dog licenses should be made payable to City of Long Beach.

Pet owners must keep their dogs on leashes and cats in pet carriers during the clinic. For more information about animal licenses, call Long Beach Animal Care Services at (562) 570-7387. ■

Contracts approved for tree and street improvements

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded contracts for tree and sidewalk improvements in residential areas. The neighborhoods affected are bordered by Norwalk Boulevard, Del Amo Boulevard, Bloomfield Avenue and Viarna Street.

The projects will be funded by SB1, the Senate bill that provides funds to eligible cities and counties for road maintenance, rehabilitation and critical safety projects necessary for local streets and road systems.

West Coast Arborists, Inc. of Anaheim was awarded \$175,200 to remove 79 parkway trees, including stump grinding and root removal. The company will also plant 55 replacement trees.

A \$483,800 contract was awarded to Kalban, Inc. to replace 12,500 square feet of sidewalk; 3,500 linear feet of curb and gutter; 4,500 square feet of driveway approaches; and 22 ramps. The Santa Clarita-based company will also install a project identification sign promoting the use of SB1 grant funding.

The work is expected to conclude in August. ■

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 or via teleconference. For details, call the Office of the City Clerk/Treasurer from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (562) 916-1248.

April 26, 2022

- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2022-19, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos reciting the facts of the General Municipal Election held in the City on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, declaring the result thereof and such other matters as provided by the provisions of the City Charter.

April 27, 2022

- As nominated by Council/Agency Member Barrows, Council/Agency Member Vo was presented for consideration and declared as Mayor/Chair.
- As nominated by Mayor/Chair Vo, Council/Agency Member Barrows was presented for consideration and declared as Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair.

April 28, 2022

- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2022-20, a resolution of the City of Cerritos adopting a Cerritos Policy and Procedure Manual relative to City officials and City employees and an employee handbook (with Policy No. 6.03 Protocol Order of Precedence being adopted as amended), and the Cerritos Employee Handbook for immediate use and implementation.
- Awarded a contract for professional services for the City of Cerritos website design and hosting services, RFP No. 1431-21, to GHD Services, Inc. in the amount of \$120,165 plus future annual maintenance hosting and maintenance services in the amount of \$25,100; and
- Authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement with a term of 36 months with a provision for up to three 12-month extensions on behalf of the City of Cerritos.
- Ratified the executed budget amendments from the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as summarized in the Budget Adjustment Log.

May 12, 2022

- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2022-21, a resolution of the City Council of

the City of Cerritos authorizing and implementing teleconference accessibility for conducting public meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2022-22, a resolution of the Cerritos City Council approving an update to the City of Cerritos Title VI Program, which provides for non-discriminatory public transportation services (Cerritos on Wheels and Dial-A-Ride transportation programs).
- Approved the nomination of Melissa Snyder to the Let Freedom Ring Committee for a two-year term of service ending April 30, 2024.
- Approved Mayor Vo's nominations of City Councilmembers and community members to serve on various internal and external assignments during his 2022-23 Mayoral term.
- Approved funding and completion of a classification and compensation study for both full-time and part-time classifications in an amount of \$200,000 in Fiscal Year 2022-23, and providing information regarding said funding during the upcoming Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget study sessions. Directed staff to proceed to issue a request for proposals (RFP) for award of contract.
- Found the construction of Coyote Creek Channel Class 1 Bikeway (OC Loop Segment O) in conformity with the Cerritos General Plan, and directed staff to refer the same to the Planning Commission for confirmation of this conformity; and
- Authorized the Mayor to execute the cooperative agreement between the County of Orange and City of Cerritos for Funding and Construction of Coyote Creek Channel Class 1 Bikeway (OC Loop Segment O) in a form approved by the City Attorney, once Planning Commission finds the project in conformance with the Cerritos General Plan.
- Authorized a budget amendment for the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,071,187 from the General Fund for Project No. 18204, Corporate Yard Roof Replacement; and
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$1,071,187 for Corporate Yard Roof Replacement (total bid), Project No. 18204, Bid No. 1455-22, to Letner Roofing Company and rejected the other bids.
- Adjourned in memory of United States Secretary of Commerce and Transportation Norman Y. Mineta.

Studebaker Road to be rehabilitated

The Cerritos City Council has authorized and awarded a \$777,710 contract to Sequel Contractors, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs for street rehabilitation improvements on Studebaker Road.

The contract covers the removal and replacement of asphalt pavement, driveways, sidewalks, curb ramps, curbs and gutters, as well as adjustment of utilities, thermoplastic striping and removal of select parkway trees. The project also includes installation of fiber optic conduit within the public right-of-way for the expansion of the City's internal network and the installation of a reclaimed water service line for potential median irrigation improvements.

The improvements are expected to be completed in August. ■

Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course to undergo fence rehabilitation

The Cerritos City Council awarded a \$199,665 contract to Quality Fence Co., Inc. of Paramount to rehabilitate fencing at various locations of Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course.

The project consists of removing and replacing 475 linear feet of 18-foot-high mesh fence; 190 linear feet of 12-foot-high mini mesh fence; 200 linear feet of 6-foot-high mini mesh green vinyl coating fence; and 150 linear feet of 6-foot-high mini mesh fence. The company will also repair 15 sections of rail ends and remove vegetation.

The work is expected to be completed in July. The course will remain open during rehabilitation; operating hours are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. ■

Corporate Yard roof replacement contract awarded

The Cerritos City Council awarded a \$1,071,187 contract to Letner Roofing Company to replace the roof at the Corporate Yard, which is more than 40 years old.

The Orange-based company will demolish the existing roof and replace it with a new roof. The project also entails removing and replacing plywood roof decking material that is deteriorated or damaged.

The work is expected to be completed in the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. ■

City of Cerritos COVID-19 update

Please note that the following information is current as of press time on June 20.

As of press time, the County reported a total of 9,586 cases of COVID-19 in Cerritos and 86 deaths due to COVID-19. There were 151 reported cases of COVID-19 and two deaths in the unincorporated area of Cerritos. This represents an increase of 805 cases and one death in Cerritos since the June issue of "The Cerritos News." ■

Keep pets safe this summer

The hot summer months can be uncomfortable and dangerous for pets. Here are some tips for keeping pets safe in the heat:

- Never leave pets in a parked car, even with the car running and air-conditioner on. Temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a vehicle with the windows slightly cracked open can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature could reach 120 degrees. Such heat may cause death or irreversible organ damage in pets.
- Watch the humidity. Dogs pant to cool down, but high humidity prevents them from doing so, causing their body temperature to soar to dangerous levels quickly.
- Limit exercise on hot days. Walk dogs in the early morning or late at night. Pay special attention to pets with white-colored ears (as they are more susceptible to skin cancer) and short-nosed pets, which typically have difficulty breathing. Dogs absorb and release heat through their feet, therefore,

walk them on grass or use doggy boots. Bring water to keep pets from dehydrating.

- Don't rely on fans, which don't cool off animals as effectively as they do people. If you don't have air-conditioning, lay down a wet towel for your dog to lie on or simply set up a fan in front of a pan of ice.
- Provide clean water and protection from heat and the sun when dogs are outdoors. Add ice to water. A doghouse does not provide relief from heat. Tree shade and tarps are ideal because they don't obstruct air flow.
- Watch for signs of heatstroke, including heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure and unconsciousness. If a dog is suffering from heatstroke, move it into the shade or an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to its head, neck and chest or run cool (not cold) water over the pet. Give it small amounts of cool water or ice cubes to lick. Take the dog to the veterinarian. ■

July Library News

NEW WEEKEND HOURS

Cerritos Library Increases Weekend Hours

Monday–Friday, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
Saturday–Sunday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Effective July 1, 2022

REGISTRATION

In order to register, patrons must be in the City's RACER registration database. For more information, please visit the City of Cerritos website at cerritos.us.

CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at cerritos.us and look for the Classes/RACER link. You will not receive confirmation by mail for classes registered online.

Please print a receipt at the conclusion of your transaction and bring it with you to the first day of the event or class. For additional information, please call the Library Reservation Desk at (562) 916-1388. Computers at the Cerritos Library may be used to access RACER.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

cerritos.us

Cerritos Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Fri., July 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Fri., July 8 at 11 a.m.**



SAFETY REMINDER

It is strongly recommended that everyone age 2 and older wear a face covering when inside the Cerritos Library, per the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order.

COVID-19 WAIVER

Program participants will be required to complete a COVID-19 waiver.

The following Library programs require advance registration:

For more information call (562) 916-1388, unless otherwise noted.
Seating is limited for all programs.

STORYTIMES

Cerritos Library's 30-45 minute storytimes incorporating stories and audience participation will be held in the Children's Library, in front of the aquarium. Only children registered for Storytime may be brought to the program.

Tuesdays at 11 a.m. for ages 2-5

8716 Tues., July 12
8717 Tues., July 19
8718 Tues., July 26

Thursdays at 11 a.m. for ages 2-5

8719 Thurs., July 14
8720 Thurs., July 21
8721 Thurs., July 28

Second Saturday of the month at 1:15 p.m. for ages 2-5

8722 Sat., July 9

OC DISCOVER CUBE FOSSIL WORKSHOP

Children will make a replica of a fossil and discover which animals may have lived in their backyard long, long ago during this interactive lesson on California's past. Space is limited to 20 participants.

8723 Mon., July 11 3:30 p.m.
Ages 7-9 Skyline Room

STORYTIME WITH THE MAYOR

Join us for this special "DINOSAUR INTO A READING ADVENTURE" storytime with Mayor Chuong Vo. Children will enjoy a fun and interactive storytime that celebrates the Cerritos Library's Summer Reading Program. Space is limited to 15 participants.

8952 Wed., July 13 3:30 p.m.
Ages 3-6 Little Theater

ANIME FILM: "MY NEIGHBOR TOTORO"

Enjoy a night out with the family for Anime Film Night! Cerritos Library will be screening the film "My Neighbor Totoro" (1988). The movie tells the story of a professor's two young daughters and their interactions with friendly wood spirits in postwar rural Japan. Popular Japanese snacks will be provided, while supplies last. This film is rated G and has a running time of 87 minutes. Space is limited to 60 participants.

8724 Wed., July 13 3 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

LEGO DUPLO CLUB

Children will build and create their own LEGO DUPLO creations using DUPLO building blocks. Little ones will build and create while improving their motor skills. The library will provide the DUPLOS. Space is limited to 12 participants

8725 Fri., July 15 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-4 Little Theater

VIRTUAL READ TO THE DOG PROGRAM

Join our BARK volunteer dog and practice reading. This program is designed to provide children with the opportunity to gain confidence and improve reading skills by reading aloud to a therapy dog. Each participant will receive 10 minutes at an assigned time to read to our furry friend. Children should have a book available as reading material. Participants will be emailed the Zoom information and individual scheduled reading times. Space is limited to 10 participants.

8890 Mon., July 18 3:30 p.m.
Ages 4-10 Via Zoom

STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

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

8726 Fri., July 22 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-5 Little Theater

ANIME DRAWING CLASS

Learn how to design and draw anime characters from scratch at this drawing workshop with Carlos Nieto III. Space is limited to 24 participants.

8727 Mon., July 25 11:15am-12:15pm
Ages 7-11 Hi-Tech Lab

HARRY POTTER GOBLET OF FIRE SCRATCH CLASS WITH CERRITOS CODER SCHOOL

Code your own Harry Potter themed animations, games and simulations using Scratch! Students will learn coding's logic (loop, conditions, variables, events, cloning) and create algorithms without typing a single line of code! Recommended for ages 8+ with intermediate reading skills and an interest in games and coding. Space is limited to 20 participants.

8728 Mon., July 25 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Hi-Tech Lab

CAMPFIRE STORYTIME AND CRAFT

Join us for a campfire-themed storytime and craft. Space is limited to 15 participants.

8805 Fri., Aug. 5 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 4-7 Little Theater/
Art Studio

"DINOSAUR INTO A READING ADVENTURE" MOVIES

As part of our "DINOSAUR INTO A READING ADVENTURE," the following movies will be shown at 2 p.m. All children and accompanying adults must be registered to attend. Space is limited to 100 participants and requires registration:

8817 Tues., July 12 Skyline Room A
"Jurassic World" (PG-13)

8875 Tues., July 19 Skyline Room A
"The Good Dinosaur" (PG)

8880 Tues., July 26 Skyline Room A
"The Land Before Time" (G)

Afternoon Programs for all ages

All children and accompanying adults must be registered to attend the following programs.

THE CALIFORNIA JOE DINO MAGIC SHOW

Travel 65 million years back in time with the California Joe Dino Magic Show. Learn about creatures of the past and get a hands-on experience with fossils, dinosaurs and magic! Doors will open at 3:15 p.m. Space is limited to 200.

8881 Thurs., July 14 3:30 p.m.
Skyline Room

HEY HEY ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS: DIG DUG AND THE DINO FRIENDS

Dig Dug and his Dino-Mites set out to find dinosaurs that once roamed the Earth. Once found, Dig Dug digs deep until he releases many dinosaur friends. Having been asleep for millions of years, the dinos need to adjust to a new way of life. Now, Dig Dug and the Dino-Mites have to teach the dinosaurs about making friends and life-lessons. Doors will open at 3:15 p.m. Space is limited to 200.

8882 Thurs., July 21 3:30 p.m.
Skyline Room

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The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

SUMMER CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Free hands-on craft featuring a summer theme for children ages 2-10 will be held in the Skyline Room from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. These glue and go crafts take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Wed., July 13 Wed., July 20
Wed., July 27 Wed., Aug. 3

SUMMER BOOK SALE SET FOR JULY 16-17

The Friends of the Cerritos Library's Summer Book Sale offers a wide selection of fiction and nonfiction books for children and adults, foreign language books and multimedia materials at bargain prices. The sale takes place in the Craftsman Area on the first floor of the library from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 16 and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 17. On Sunday, July 17, books will be \$4 per bag for members of the Friends of the Cerritos Library and \$5 per bag for non-members. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Sat., July 16, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Craftsman Area

Fill-a-Bag Sale

Sun., July 17, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Craftsman Area

POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP (THREE GENERATIONS GET DOWN IN C-TOWN)

Poet Mike Sonksen will lead a poetry workshop. Following the workshop, participants will have the opportunity to recite their poetry with those in attendance. Poets include Amber Wang, recent graduate from Whitney High School, and Alexandra Villegas, recent graduate from Woodbury University.

Mon., July 18 7 p.m.
Ages 13 and over Skyline Room B

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "I Was Anastasia" by Ariel Lawhon. For more information, call Jo-Anne Alvarez at (562) 916-1340.

Wed., July 20 11 a.m.-noon Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "GOLDFINGER" (1964)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Goldfinger," followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 110 minutes.

Fri., July 22 6 p.m.
Ages 18 and over Skyline Room

FAMILY STEM FAIR WITH STEMUP4 YOUTH

Families are invited to join in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Fair. Families can explore science concepts via hands-on projects and demonstrations led by STEMup4Youth. STEMup4Youth is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring the next generation to pursue the elements of STEM by bringing children fun, hands-on STEM activities through interactive programs, events and performances.

Thurs., July 28 4:30-6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

BOARD GAMES FOR ALL

Everyone is invited to play the Library's board games with friends, family or teen volunteers. Children ages 6 and under should bring a parent with them to help with the games.

Fri., July 29 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

FAMILY COLORING NIGHT

Relax, socialize and explore your creativity in a tranquil setting. A selection of coloring sheets and art materials will be available for all ages.

Thurs., Aug 4 5:30-6:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

JULY DISPLAY

Cerritos Library will exhibit a variety of dinosaur bone replicas and fossils, in honor of its 47th annual Summer Reading Program, DinoSOAR into a Reading Adventure. The replicas and fossils are part of the Library's collection from the Black Hills Institute in South Dakota. Don't forget to stop by the Children's Library and take a peek at Stan, our resident T-Rex fossil replica, which is also from the Black Hills Institute. This exhibit will be featured in the Library's Main Street during July and August.



The Cerritos Towne Center uses recycled water to irrigate its parkways, medians and fountains.

City saves drinking water by irrigating with recycled water

Committed to the preservation of the environment and conservation of water, the City of Cerritos has taken steps to conserve natural resources through a recycled-water distribution system. Cerritos irrigates more than 200 acres of City-owned property – including most parks, parkways, decorative fountains and medians – with recycled water.

The use of recycled water saves about 722 million gallons of potable drinking water annually and is billed monthly at about half the cost of drinking water. In addition to being used on City-owned property, the recycled water is used to irrigate schools, a county park, a City of Lakewood park, cemeteries, freeway landscaping and some privately owned landscaped areas. Originating from industries, businesses and homes, the waste water is treated by a three-stage process by the Sanitation District before being used for irrigation.

For more information about the City's recycled water system or water conservation, call the Water Division at (562) 916-1223. ■

Keep City storm drains and gutters clean

The City of Cerritos would like to remind residents and businesses to help keep City storm drains and gutters clean. Trash, including piles of leaves, animal waste, plastic water bottles and more, can clog storm drains and cause flooding. Depending on the types of trash left in storm drains, the remnants can decompose and grow bacteria that can travel into the ocean. Please help keep our City and the environment clean by not dumping trash and waste in the storm drains and gutters. ■

Long Beach Transit service changes

Long Beach Transit (LBT) has implemented a service change to its bus service effective June 26. The LBT has introduced Route 141 to replace the eastern half of L.A. Metro's Line 130 from the Artesia Station located in Compton to the Los Cerritos Center via Artesia Boulevard with the same existing bus stop locations.

LBT's service change also includes removing 31 bus stops.

For more information, contact LBT's Customer Care team at (562) 591-2301. ■

Smoking prohibited at Cerritos public facilities

Pursuant to Cerritos Municipal Ordinance 9.49.020, smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes, is prohibited within the boundaries of all City of Cerritos public park facilities and the Civic Center. Smoking is also prohibited at Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course.

Violators of the no smoking ordinance are subject to citation. ■

Keep trash containers out of sight

The Cerritos Municipal Code requires that trash containers be stored out of public view while not at the curb on trash collection days.

Place trash containers at the curb after sunset on the day before the scheduled trash collection. Empty containers should be removed from the curb by midnight on trash collection day. ■

Cerritos College kicks off free transit program

Cerritos College recently launched its new Metro GoPass program to provide reliable and affordable transportation for all students to and from campus.

The student government unanimously approved a resolution to increase the Student Activities Fee from \$10 to \$19 to cover the cost of the pilot transit program, making it available to all students. The GoPass program is offered through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Fareless System Initiative Community College pilot program.

Cerritos College students who pay the increased Student Activities Fee can now ride and transfer between several transit systems, including the City of Commerce; Culver CityBus; Foothill Transit; Gardena Transit (GTrans); Long Beach Transit; Los Angeles Department of Transportation DASH; Los Angeles Metro; Montebello Bus; Norwalk Transit; Pasadena Transit; Santa Monica Big Blue Bus; and Torrance Transit. To participate, students must fill out a form on the Cerritos College website cerritos.edu/activities/gopass.htm. ■

Business Spotlight

Para Plate & Plastics, Inc.

Para Plate & Plastics, Inc. was selected for the City's Business Spotlight Program, which showcases companies that foster pride in the community, provide jobs and contribute to the local economy.

Since the 1940s, Para Plate & Plastics, Inc. has been on the cutting edge of flexographic printing plate technology, constantly adapting to numerous changes in the industry. In business for more than 75 years, Para Plate & Plastics, Inc. has operated in the City of Cerritos for the last 32 years. Its products are used by leading manufacturers of corrugated boxes, bags and vinyls, including McDonald's, Nissin, Tesla Motor Company and Marie Callender's.

Headed by owners Shane Pearson and David Reyna, the company prides itself on not producing single-use plastics, and its products and equipment are environmentally friendly. Para Plate & Plastics, Inc. offers local employment opportunities for individuals interested in learning the printing trade, and provides various opportunities to succeed within the company.

Located at 15910 Shoemaker Avenue, Para Plate & Plastics, Inc. can be reached at (562) 404-3434 and paraplate.com.

Cerritos Library seeks teen volunteers

The Cerritos Library Volunteer program is seeking responsible, dependable and enthusiastic teens to help with library programs, shelving and monitoring of computer workstations.

Applications for the 2022 Fall session will be available starting Monday, July 18. The session runs from Monday, September 12 to Saturday, December 17.

The program is open to students who will be at least 13 years old in Fall 2022. Applicants must have a Cerritos Library card in good standing and are required to pass a criminal background assessment in accordance with City policy. For more information, call (562) 916-1338 or email volunteer@cerritos.us. ■

Family Entertainment Showcase begins in July

Don't miss out on the free family-oriented fun through August with Cerritos' Family Entertainment Showcase, which includes movies, children's activities and concerts. 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.

Tuesday Family Nights

Entertainment and activities for the whole family will be offered every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. through August 16 at Friendship, Frontier, Sunshine and Westgate parks. Each program will last approximately 45 minutes and feature a pre-show craft or activity. Arrive early and bring a blanket for seating. Please note that there are no restroom facilities at Friendship Park and Sunshine Park.

- July 12 Mad Science at Frontier Park
- July 19 The Magic of Arty Loon at Sunshine Park
- July 26 Franklin Haynes Marionettes at Friendship Park

- August 2 Noteworthy Puppets at Westgate Park
- August 9 Filipino Cultural School at Frontier Park
- August 16 Prehistoric Pets at Sunshine Park

Thursday Concerts Under the Stars

The Heritage Park Island Stage will be the hottest ticket in town this summer when exciting musical groups perform on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and relax with family and friends. The shows are outdoors on the lawn, so bring a jacket. Snacks will be available for a nominal fee.

- July 14 The Emperors (Classic Rock)
- July 21 Country Nation (Country)
- July 28 King Salmon Band (Funk/Dance)
- August 4 Midnight Ride (Top 40)
- August 11 Sangre Nueva (Salsa/Latin)
- August 18 Knight Ryder (80s)

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



The CCPA is now accepting reservations.

To request a tour or to reserve space for an event, call (562) 916-8510 or email rentals@cerritoscenter.com.

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Cerritos Center
for the Performing Arts

TV3 Schedule: July

City Council and Commission Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meetings

- 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 14 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, July 15 and 9 a.m. on Monday, July 18
- 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 28 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, July 29 and 9 a.m. on Monday, August 1

Fine Arts and Historical Commission Meeting

- 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 21 (live), rebroadcasts: 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26 and 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 28

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

- 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 7 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Monday, July 11 and 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12

Planning Commission Meeting

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

Property Preservation Commission Meeting

- 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26 (live), rebroadcasts: 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 28 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2

Program Highlights

2022 Let Freedom Ring Celebration

- 7 p.m. on Friday, July 8; 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 9; 9 p.m. on Sunday, July 10; 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 16; 8 p.m. on Monday, July 18; and 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19.

Mayor's Weekly 60

- 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 7; 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 10; 4 p.m. on Friday, July 15; and 9 p.m. on Monday, July 25

Cerritos Resident Talent Show 2022

- 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 9; 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 14; and 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 17

Sejong Soloists in Concert at the CCPA

- 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 9 and 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 16

The Art of the Cerritos Library

- 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 7 and 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 17

Elder Fraud Prevention

- 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 13 and 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 21

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

Calendar of Events

- July 1 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 15. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- July 2 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on July 9, 16, 23 and 30.
- July 4 • **Independence Day**
 • **City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Cerritos Library, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and CCPA Ticket Office closed**
 • **Let Freedom Ring Celebration**, 4-9 p.m., Civic Center; 6:30 p.m. Ceremony
- July 5 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 19. Contact CT Chu at (562) 276-5831.
- July 6 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
 • **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.
- July 7 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on July 14 and 28. Contact Manilal Fernando at (562) 402-4700.
 • **Cerritos (Mid-City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 21. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
 • **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 21. Contact Dinesh Shah at (562) 650-4587.
 • **Formosa Senior Association**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 21. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
- July 12 • **Rabies Clinic**, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Cerritos Park East, Shelter 1.
 • **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 26. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- July 13 • **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m., via Zoom. Also on July 27. Contact Gabrielle Babcock at (972) 890-3636.
- July 14 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
 • **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Sue Verway at (562) 926-2660.
 • **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 28. Contact Julith Neff at (562) 881-9504.
 • **Da' Hawaii Senior Club**, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 28. Contact Carmelita Tionson at (562) 305-7995.
 • **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 7:30 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower.
- July 17 • **Summer Reading Program ends**
- July 18 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Virginia Harmon at (562) 477-3051.
- July 20 • **Community Safety Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- July 21 • **Fine Arts and Historical Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
 • **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women**, 7 p.m. Contact Karen Cox at (562) 519-0596 for location.
- July 26 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- July 28 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

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Follow natural-gas pipeline safety guidelines

Underground pipelines can be located anywhere – under streets, sidewalks and private property. Sometimes they're only inches below the surface. Hitting a pipeline while digging, planting or doing demolition work can cause serious injury, property damage and loss of utility service.

Before a major development or landscaping project, residents should call Underground Service Alert at 811 at least two working days before starting the work. Underground Service Alert will coordinate with Southern California Gas Company and other utility owners in the area to mark the locations of buried utility-owned lines for free. A ticket request can also be submitted online at call811.com.

Do not begin digging until Southern California Gas Company marks its natural-gas pipelines and clears the area. Only hand tools should be used within 24 inches of each marked utility line to determine the exact locations of all lines before power excavation equipment can be used in the area.

Southern California Gas Company does not mark customer-owned natural gas lines, which typically run from the natural gas meter to the customer's natural gas equipment and appliances. To have customer-owned lines located and marked before a project, contact a qualified pipe-locating professional. All contractors need to call 811 to have the natural gas lines marked.

If you see, hear or smell a natural gas leak, immediately evacuate the area and call 911. Don't smoke or light a match, candle or other flame because static electricity can ignite leaking gas. Do not use machinery or turn electric appliances or lights on or off. Do not use any device that could cause a spark. Don't attempt to control the leak yourself.

Report any pipe damage immediately by calling (800) 427-2200, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Even a slight gouge, scrape or dent to a pipeline, its coating or any component attached to or running alongside the pipe (such as a wire) can cause a dangerous break or leak in the future. ■

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