

The Cerritos News

CCPA kicks off a new year with exciting January lineup



Jumaane Smith performs at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, January 6.

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) welcomes 2024 with January shows sure to delight kids and adults alike.

Join Jumaane Smith as he celebrates the origins of Jump Blues and Jazz in “Louis! Louis! Louis!” Enjoy the Jazz trumpeter-vocalist-composer’s thrilling renditions of timeless classics from Louis Armstrong, Louis Prima and Louis Jordan, along with his own compositions. Smith is a featured soloist for Michael Bublé and has performed on five Grammy-winning records, two Emmy-nominated television performances and in Steven Spielberg’s “West Side Story.” Tickets start at \$45 for the 8 p.m. show on Saturday, January 6.

Join the voices of “Animaniacs” – the iconic, animated Warner Bros. series produced by Steven Spielberg – for a zany, animany and totally insanelly time as they perform popular songs from the beloved cartoon series, backed by the original projected animation. The show features Emmy-winning composer Randy Rogel on piano and the voice talents of Emmy winner Rob Paulsen (Yakko & Pinky on “Animaniacs,” Raphael on “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles”) and Maurice LaMarche (The Brain on “Animaniacs,” The King in Disney’s “Frozen”). Ticket prices start at \$39 for the “Animaniacs: In Concert” show on Sunday, January 7 at 3 p.m.

There are many plays about Harriet Tubman, but none share her entire life story like “The Spirit of Harriet Tubman: 1-Woman Show Featuring Leslie McCurdy.” McCurdy embodies the spirit of Tubman, the historic Underground Railroad “conductor” who risked her life leading slaves to freedom. McCurdy

Timely removal of Christmas lights and decorations required

Residents are reminded to remove all Christmas lights and decorations in a timely fashion. The Cerritos Municipal Code requires that decorations and lights be removed within 15 days after a holiday to maintain the City’s park-like appearance. Therefore, lights should be removed by Tuesday, January 9. ■

re-creates stories using words believed to have been Tubman’s own, exploring the faith and conviction that guided Tubman from her early childhood to her elder years, giving her the drive to follow her dreams. Tickets are \$10 to the Sunday, January 14 show at 3 p.m. This show has a no refund, no exchange policy.

“The New York Times” called “Jesus Christ Superstar” an “adrenaline-pumping production.” Set against the backdrop of an extraordinary series of events during the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of Judas, the Broadway musical features lyrics and music by Emmy-Grammy-Oscar-Tony winners Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Reflecting the Rock roots that defined a generation, the legendary score includes “I Don’t Know How to Love Him,” “Gethsemane” and “Superstar.” The production celebrates its 50th anniversary with a three-day run in Cerritos, starting on Friday, January 19 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, January 20 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. The final CCPA performance is at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 21. Tickets start at \$39.

Composer Rob Kapilow returns to explore one of Ludwig van Beethoven’s most recognized compositions: “Pathétique Piano Sonata.” He will be accompanied by pianist Ryota Yamazaki. In a spirited Q&A, Kapilow studies the work, providing audiences with a fresh approach to the piece. A lively Q&A concludes the evening. The performance is sponsored by George & Bev Ray. Tickets are \$55 to this 7:30 p.m. show on Wednesday, January 24.

Order tickets at cerritoscenter.com or by calling the Ticket Office at (562) 916-8500. ■

Parking enforcement resumes on January 9

The City’s overnight parking restrictions and enforcement will resume on Tuesday, January 9. Permits are required to park on City streets between 3 and 5 a.m. to help keep streets clear and allow residents and deputies to quickly spot suspicious vehicles.

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. ceremony and contests planned

In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City of Cerritos will host a special ceremony on Monday, January 15 at 10 a.m. in the Sierra Room of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The public is invited to attend this free event, which will include remarks by the Cerritos City Council and community involvement through songs and comments. The CCPA is located at 18000 Park Plaza Drive in Cerritos.

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

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

All art and writing contest entries should represent the theme of “Living the Dream: It Starts With Me – Spreading Hope, Courage and Unity.” Contest entry forms are available at the Cerritos Library and on the City’s website at cerritos.us. Completed art and writing entries must be dropped off at the Cerritos Library by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3. The library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue.

After judging, selected entries will be recognized at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony and on the City’s website. For more information about the art and writing contests, call the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101. ■

Renew annual parking permit online

Cerritos residents can renew their annual parking permit for 2024 or request an overnight parking permit 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, online at safercerritos.com.

City parking permits are free of charge and must be clearly displayed on the driver’s side dashboard of the vehicle (left corner) from 3 a.m. until 5 a.m. A vehicle displaying a valid California DMV Disabled Person Placard does not require an overnight parking permit. A parking permit does not exempt a vehicle from the City’s street sweeping ordinance (10.12.065 CMC).

The parking permit criteria allow two-car garage households with five vehicles and four licensed drivers to qualify for a second annual parking permit. Three-car garage households with seven vehicles and six licensed drivers qualify for a second parking permit.

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

City Council Recap

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

October 26, 2023

- Approved Mayor Barrows' nomination of Lew Gentiluomo to the Property Preservation Commission, to fill an unscheduled vacancy of an unexpired two-year term of service expiring April 30, 2024.
- Reappointed the current eligible incumbent, Mark Bollman, to a four-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District; and
- Directed the City Clerk/Treasurer to notify the District of the City Council appointment prior to January 1, 2024, as stipulated in the State Health and Safety Code.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-32, a resolution of the City of Cerritos approving tentative Parcel Map 84298, a proposal by Cerritos-2 Development LLC, to subdivide one (1) existing parcel into two (2) separate parcels. The subject property is located at 13730 Artesia Boulevard, Cerritos, California, 90703, and is zoned Single-Family Residential; and
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-33, a resolution of the City of Cerritos approving precise Plan 2023-15, a proposal by Cerritos-2 Development LLC, to construct a new single-family residential development comprised of two lots, one with a new two-story residence (Parcel 1), and one with a new one-story residence and a detached accessory dwelling unit

- (ADU) located in the rear yard (Parcel 2). In conjunction with this project, a new 6'-0" high perimeter block wall will be constructed along the north property line and the new residences will be accessed from driveways off of Parkville Place. Additional improvements include new sidewalks, parkway landscaping and other related site improvements. The subject property is located at 13730 Artesia Boulevard, Cerritos, California, 90703, and is zoned Single-Family Residential.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-34, a resolution of the Cerritos City Council authorizing the termination of Eco-Rapid Transit, formerly known as the Orangeline Development Authority.
 - Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-35, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos directing that the outstanding enterprise fund loan balances owed by the water and sewer funds to the General Fund be written off and further directing that any future funding provided by the General Fund to the Water and/or Sewer Funds be classified as a non-reimbursable subsidy; and
 - Directed staff to provide the City Council with an agenda report to provide information related to current sewer services provided to the City by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, including associated costs of said services, prior to any consideration of adjustments to City sewer rates; and
 - Directed staff to provide the City Council with an agenda report to provide water rate adjustment options to address the current deficit in the City's Water Enterprise Fund.
 - Confirmed Councilmember Frank Yokoyama as the City's final designated voting delegate to

- attend and cast the City's vote at the 2023 National League of Cities (NLC) Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, November 18, 2023; and
- Directed staff to submit the City's official 2023 NLC City Summit voting delegate registration to the NLC no later than the Friday, November 17, 2023 deadline.

November 9, 2023

- Awarded a \$19,862.95 contract to Pivot Interiors, Inc. for parts and services to repair Herman Miller Classic Aeron Chairs at the Cerritos Library (total bid) and rejected the other bids.
- Directed staff to order new Study Rooms signs from TFN Architectural Signage for the names of the top three vote-getters in the Cerritos Library Study Room Names Voting Survey, including Marie Curie, Katherine Johnson and Chien-Shiung Wu; and
- Directed staff to conduct an online survey for the community to vote for the male names to remain in place for Cerritos Library Study Rooms; and
- Directed staff to replace and install signs, as applicable, and update the Study Room names listed on the Cerritos Library's website and on the Study Room reservations confirmation slips.
- Ratified the executed Budget Amendments from the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as summarized in the Budget Adjustment Log (Exhibit 1) of the agenda report.
- Referred review of the proposed amendments to the City Strategic Financial Plan and Budget Preparation Policy (2.04) to the Policy and Procedure ad hoc working group and return their recommendations to the City Council for consideration.

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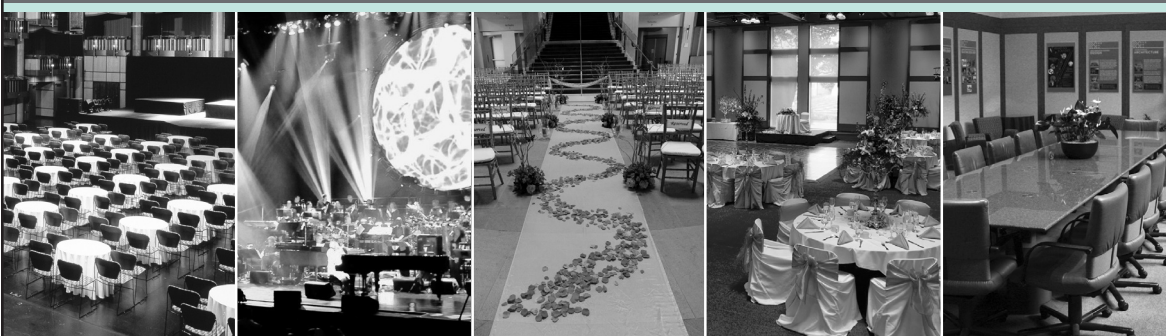
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cerritos.us



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.

cerritoscenter.com



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) 407-2674. ■

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 **Tues., Jan. 2 at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

Cerritos Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., Jan. 3 at 11 a.m.**

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Tues., Jan. 2 at 11 a.m.**

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

The following Library programs require advance registration:

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

STORYTIMES

Cerritos Library's 30-45 minute storytimes incorporating stories and audience participation will be held in the Little Theater. Only children registered for storytime may be brought to the program. Space is limited to 35 participants.

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

12009	Thurs., Jan. 11
12011	Thurs., Jan. 18
12012	Thurs., Jan. 25
12013	Thurs., Feb. 1

KINDNESS ROCKS

Celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by creating and painting your own kindness rocks. Space is limited to 15 participants.

12014	Thurs., Jan. 11	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 7-11	Art Studio

SIMPLYCS INTRODUCTION TO PYTHON FOR KIDS

SimplyCS is a student-led organization that aims to introduce computer science to children. SimplyCS's five-week Python course provides engaging and hands-on lessons to provide a foundational understanding of the Python programming language. Space is limited to 18 participants.

12016	Fri., Jan. 12-Feb. 9	5 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Hi-Tech Lab

DUPLO LEGO CLUB

Children will build LEGO DUPLO creations using DUPLO building blocks. Little ones will make and create while improving their motor skills. Space is limited to 12 participants.

12017	Fri., Jan. 19	11 a.m.-noon
	Ages 2-4	Little Theater

WINTER PERLER BEADS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Participants will create a winter-themed art piece using Perler beads. Space is limited to 10 participants.

12018	Fri., Jan. 19	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 10-15	Art Studio

3D PRINTING CLASS

Explore the basics of 3D printing using TinkerCad to create unique winter-related projects. Participants will go home with a surprise pre-printed 3D item. Space is limited to 10 participants.

12019	Tues., Jan. 23	4-5 p.m.
	Ages 9-12	Hi-Tech Lab

CRAFTS FOR ADULTS: MOSS WALL ART

This project is designed to bring the living greenery of nature inside. Participants will use moss, dried pods and flowering buds from the garden to create a modern wall art piece. The fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 16 participants.

12032	Tues., Jan. 23	6 p.m.
	Ages 18 & Over	Skyline Room

KABUKI SUSHI CLASS

Children are invited to enjoy a hands-on sushi demonstration featuring staff from the Benihana restaurant in Downey. A chef will introduce participants to the fun of sushi making and provide hands-on instructions for assembling some signature Benihana rolls. A parent or guardian is required to sign a waiver to attend this class. Waivers will be completed 10 minutes prior to the start of the class. Space is limited to 20 participants.

12020	Wed., Jan. 24	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 7-12	Skyline Room A

ROBOTICS BUILDING WORKSHOP

The field of robotics is booming. Everything from cars to thermostats and appliances is tied to robotics and hardware engineering. In this workshop, participants will learn how to design, build and program the mbot STEAM education robot. Children will work in teams to collaborate, communicate and problem-solve. This workshop is led by the Cerritos Coder School. The fee is \$3. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 20 participants.

12021	Fri., Jan. 26	3:30-5 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Skyline Room B/ Hi-Tech Lab

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

FAMILY SEARCH DATABASE OFFERED

The Cerritos Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library, providing library users access to additional online genealogy resources to help make more family discoveries. Only a few hundred affiliate libraries exist in the United States. The designation means local library patrons now have greater and more convenient access to the wealth of genealogical resources available through FamilySearch when using the service inside the Cerritos Library. The popular web service has more than 6 billion searchable names and 2 billion images of historical genealogical records – and you get the helpful assistance of library staff.

PAJAMA NIGHT

Come in your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed toy! Enjoy stories, songs and a short DVD. Don't forget to bring your pillows and blankets. Parents, wear your pajamas too!

Wed., Jan. 10	6 p.m.	
	All Ages	Skyline Room

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on winter craft will be held for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Fri., Jan. 12	11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m.	
	Ages 2-12	Art Studio

FAMILY STORYTIME

Join us for a fun 30-minute storytime incorporating stories, rhymes, songs, finger plays and movement activities. Space is limited.

Sat., Jan. 13	11:15 a.m.	
	8 & Under	Little Theater

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann. For more information, call (562) 916-1340.

Wed., Jan. 17	11 a.m.-noon	Board Room
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FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

All ages are welcome to enjoy a fun evening of STEM-related demonstrations and activities conducted by the Whitney High School STEM Club.

Wed., Jan. 17	6 p.m.	
	All Ages	Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "AN AMERICAN IN PARIS" (1951)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "An American in Paris," starring Gene Kelly, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 114 minutes.

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

GEOGRAPHIC LITERACY WRITING WORKSHOP

Poet Mike Sonksen will give a presentation about the California State Parks. He will then lead a writing workshop focusing on geographical spaces. Notebooks and writing utensils will be provided, although participants are welcome to bring their own materials. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library. The program is offered as part of the California State Library Parks Pass project.

Mon., Jan. 22	6 p.m.	
	Ages 13 & Over	Skyline Room

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GARDENING WORKSHOP 101

Learn the simple techniques of drought-tolerant landscaping, organic gardening and integrated pest management. This workshop is presented by the Countywide Smart Gardening Program of the County of Los Angeles. This program is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Mon., Jan. 29 6-7:30 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.

Wed., Jan. 31 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

CHINESE FOLK AND CLASSICAL DANCE

Students of all ages from Ling's Dance Academy will perform various award-winning Chinese folk and classical dances. The academy is well-known in the Chinese Dance community for its regular performance and student achievement in regional and national dance competitions.

Thurs., Feb. 1 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on Valentine's Day craft will be held for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Fri., Feb. 2 11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

"LUNAR NEW YEAR: READ WITH ME" READING CHALLENGE

Children ages 4-12 will receive a free Panda Express Kid's Meal coupon after reading five books through the "Lunar New Year: Read With Me" Reading Challenge. Parents or guardians may read with their children who are not yet reading on their own. The challenge takes place Wednesday, Jan. 10 through Saturday, Feb. 10 and registration is through Beanstack. The coupon is limited to one per child and is available while supplies last.

African American History Month Lecture Series

Join the Cerritos Library as we celebrate African American History Month with special lectures featuring Dr. M. Keith Claybrook, Jr., Associate Professor, Department of Africana Studies at California State University, Long Beach; Dr. Alice Nicholas, Africologist and Assistant Professor, Department of Africana Studies at California State University, Long Beach; and Dr. Natalie Sartin, Department Chair of Black/Africana Studies at Cerritos College. These lectures will focus on the rich history and life of African American arts and artisans as well artistic and cultural movements that span the black diaspora.

BLACK ART: A DISCUSSION OF ITS FUNCTION AND COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

Dr. M. Keith Claybrook, Jr., Dr. Alice Nicholas and Dr. Natalie Sartin examine the history and legacy of African American art (or Black cultural production), an ongoing creative enterprise, highlighting its creativity, activism, agency and resistance.

Mon., Feb. 5 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

"LET YOUR MOTTO BE RESISTANCE": BLACK ARTS AND THE ONGOING STRUGGLE FOR BLACK LIBERATION

Dr. Alice Nicholas's discussion will center around the philosophies of cultural critic and playwright Larry Neal, a leading member of the Black Arts Movement in the 1960s.

Thurs., Feb. 8 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

HIP HOP POWER!!!: THE POLITICS OF BLACK ART IN HIP HOP

Hip Hop has turned 50 years old and in that time has gone from youthful creative self-expression to a global juggernaut influencing popular culture, education, politics, art, journalism and much more. This presentation extends Marvin Gladney's (1995) argument that understanding and analyzing Hip Hop as an extension of the Black Arts Movement offers historical and cultural context. With a focus on the greater Los Angeles area, this presentation situates Hip Hop in the context of Black Art, offering cultural and political frameworks for understanding the intellectual, artistic and political dimensions of Hip Hop presented by Dr. M. Keith Claybrook, Jr.

Mon., Feb. 12 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

PROPHETIC VISIONS OF FREEDOM AND THE FUTURE: REEXAMINING AFROFUTURISM IN OCTAVIA BUTLER'S "PARABLE OF THE SOWER"

Dr. Natalie Sartin delves into the Afrofuturist literary genre through the lens of Octavia Butler's novel, "Parable of the Sower." The Black aesthetic tradition is explored to analyze key themes in the novel, including agency, community building and a radical reimagining of the future.

Mon., Feb. 26 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

MEET PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS

In celebration of African American History Month, the Orange County Chapter of the Links, Incorporated and the Cerritos Library are pleased to present a program featuring prominent African American Authors. A meet and greet with the authors will take place from 1 to 1:45 p.m. and refreshments will be served. The authors will discuss their works from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The authors will be announced in the February issue of "The Library News."

Sun., Feb. 25 1-4 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

BOOK SALE SET FOR FEBRUARY 24 & 25

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25. The sale will be held inside the library, near the Craftsman Area. A great selection of fiction and nonfiction books in English and foreign languages, plus multimedia items, will be available at bargain prices. The sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 24. On Sunday, February 25, the Friends will hold a fill-a-bag sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$4 per bag for Friend members and \$5 per bag for non-members.) Come early for the best selection.

Library Exhibition

CAPTIVATING CHANGE

Artist Tayo Joyce presents a beautiful exhibit of acrylic and oil paintings that capture inspirational changes. Joyce's artwork includes exemplary change makers of African descent, vivid sunsets, vibrant plants in transition and an illustrated children's book. This exhibition will be featured in the Library's Main Street from Saturday, January 6 through the end of February.

Be cautious of coyotes in Cerritos

With coyote sightings becoming more commonplace in Cerritos and neighboring communities, residents are advised to take the following precautions to avoid encounters with coyotes:

- Feed pets indoors.
- Eliminate potential food and water sources, such as fallen fruit or standing water.
- Keep garbage cans in a secure area.
- Keep yards free of thick brush and weeds.
- Enclose the bottoms of porches and decks.
- Check your house thoroughly for holes or loose boards that could allow access to wildlife and replace or repair them. Place wire screening over any vents coming out of your house.
- Avoid creating a possible den or hiding place by trimming high vegetation, thinning out large flowering plants, and cutting back tree branches at least three feet from the roof.
- Stack firewood tightly to keep animals from making a home in loosely stacked wood.
- Keep dogs on a leash at all times when outdoors.
- Keep small animals inside or supervised when outdoors. A fenced yard will not protect small animals because coyotes can easily scale a 6-foot high fence, and have been known to climb 8- to 10-foot fences.

Domestic dogs are especially vulnerable to coyote attacks. Coyote breeding season is from late December through March and pups are born in the early spring. Coyotes make their dens in rocky crevices, dense thickets and sometimes the dens of other animals. The den is abandoned after the pups are weaned, but may be used from year to year. Adult coyotes are mainly active at night or in the early morning hours, while young coyotes are often active during the day.

California coyotes have adapted to residential neighborhoods, parks and open spaces in urban and suburban areas. They are especially prevalent in areas bordering a flood channel.

When you see a coyote in your neighborhood, try to scare it away by shouting, throwing rocks, blowing portable air horns or acting in other aggressive ways in order to reinforce the coyote's fear of people. Motion-sensitive lights on houses or outbuildings may also deter coyotes from approaching.

If an aggressive coyote approaches you or your pet, consider the following tips:

- Shout in a deep voice.
- Wave your arms.
- Throw objects at the animal.
- Look the coyote directly in the eyes.
- Stand up if you are seated.
- If you are wearing a coat or vest, spread it open like a cape so that you appear larger.
- Retreat from the situation by walking backward slowly. Do not turn your back on the coyote.

The City of Cerritos contracts with Long Beach Animal Care Services to provide a wide range of services, including coyote management. The City of Long Beach has a comprehensive coyote management plan and that plan serves as the de facto plan for Cerritos by extension of the service contract. The majority of cities in the region all have similar coyote management plans as each plan must be in accord with the regulations established by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. To access the comprehensive coyote management plan, please visit <https://bit.ly/2lTHFJE>.

If you see a coyote, fill out an online "Wildlife Incident Report" on the Long Beach Animal Care Services website at longbeach.gov/acs/wildlife/coyote-report. The website has additional information about coyotes. ■

Christmas tree recycling offered for residents

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

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

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

Cerritos Towne Center to undergo upgrades

CJ Concrete Construction, Inc. has been awarded a \$163,000 contract to perform curb and sidewalk repairs at the Cerritos Towne Center.

The Santa Fe Springs-based company will remove and replace 2,000 square feet of sidewalk and 22 curb ramps along Towne Center Drive and perform tree removal.

The work will be covered with Community Development Block Grant funds, which are allocated for revitalizing neighborhoods, preventing or eliminating blight, and/or improving accessibility for handicapped or disabled individuals.

The project is expected to conclude in March. ■

Maintenance contract approved for water wells

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$572,250 one-year contract to General Pump Company, Inc. for annual on-call maintenance and repair services of water wells, booster pump assemblies and gear drives. The contract provisions allow for four one-year extensions.

The San Dimas-based company will serve as the on-call, standby contractor for emergency repairs of the City's water distribution system, which consists of three water well pumps and nine booster pumps that provide drinking water to approximately 16,000 customer service connections. The pumps also help to maintain sufficient water pressure in the system in the event of a fire fighting emergency. ■

Residential organic waste recycling program in effect

The City's residential organic waste recycling program expands the list of items to be placed in your green trash cart to include both green waste and food waste. Below are lists of acceptable items to now dispose in your green cart.

Green Waste:

- Flower and hedge trimmings
- Grass clippings
- Leaves and branches
- Lumber, scrap wood and plywood (not painted or treated)
- Weeds

Food Scraps:

- Bread, rice and pasta
- Cheese and dairy
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Fruits and vegetables
- Flowers and herbs
- Meat, bones and poultry
- Seafood and soft shells
- Pet food (non-medicated)

Food-Soiled Paper:

(Must be 100 percent fiber-based. No materials with petroleum-based plastic, wax or bioplastic coating, liner or laminate.)

- Food-stained paper
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper napkins and kitchen paper towels
- Pizza boxes
- Plates

- To-go boxes (no coating)
- Wood and fiber-based utensils

Unacceptable Items for Green Cart:

- All plastics
- Cacti, succulents and yucca
- Compostable plastics (bioplastics)
- Coffee cups and pods
- Fats, oils and grease
- Food stickers (please remove from items)
- Gloves
- Hard shells (clams, mussels, oysters)
- Medication
- Palm fronds
- Paper napkins and paper towels with cleaning chemicals
- Parchment and wax paper
- Pet waste
- Rocks and soil
- Rubber bands and twist ties
- Tea bags
- Textiles
- Tissues and wet wipes

Under Senate Bill 1383, organic waste recycling programs must now accept both green waste and food waste. Approved in 2016, SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to provide organic-waste collection services to all businesses and residents. The bill aims to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2025.

For more information about the City's residential organic waste recycling program, call the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220. ■

Join Neighborhood Watch

Residents are encouraged to join the Neighborhood Watch in Cerritos, a joint effort by community members and the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center to fight crime and protect property. One of the oldest crime-prevention programs, it serves as the eyes and ears of the Sheriff's Department and has proven instrumental in keeping communities safe.

Contact the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266 to see if a Neighborhood Watch group has been formed in your neighborhood. If there is an established group, you will be provided with the name and phone number of the Watch Captain.

If there is no active group yet in your area, the Community Safety Division will help you and your neighbors start one. Ideal Neighborhood Watch groups are typically small – usually 15 to 20 households – to simplify communication among participants. A

designated block captain will be responsible for acting as the liaison between a neighborhood and the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.

While the Community Safety Division and Sheriff's Department will assist in many ways, the success of Neighborhood Watch depends largely on citizen involvement. Participants will receive Neighborhood Watch signs to post, alerting potential criminals that others are watching out for your home. Members of the watch group monitor their neighborhoods, communicate regularly with deputies and meet with neighbors routinely to stay current on new information. If a residential crime pattern is identified in the area, deputies will notify the group of what to look out for and suggest prevention strategies.

Join the City's Neighborhood Watch program at safercerritos.com. ■

TV3 Schedule: January

City Council and Commission Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, January 11 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, January 12 and 10 a.m. on Monday, January 15

7 p.m. on Thursday, January 25 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, January 26 and 10 a.m. on Monday, January 29

Fine Arts and Historical Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, January 18 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, January 19 and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10 (live), rebroadcasts: 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 11 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17

Property Preservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6

Program Highlights

Mayor's Weekly 60

3 p.m. on Saturday, January 13; 5 p.m. on Friday, January 19; 10 a.m. on Monday, January 22; and 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 27

Active Shooter Seminar

4 p.m. on Thursday, January 4; 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9; and 5 p.m. on Monday, January 29

Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase 2023

5 p.m. on Monday, January 1; 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 7; 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16; and 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 20

CCPA Performances: British Rock Royalty

5 p.m. on Friday, January 5; 8 p.m. on Friday, January 19; and 9 p.m. on Saturday, January 27

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

Calendar of Events

- December 30 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on January 6, 13, 20 and 27.
- December 31 • **New Year's Eve**
• **Recreation facilities closed**
• **Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course driving range and Swim Center closed at 2 p.m.**
- January 1 • **New Year's Day**
• **City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Library, Senior Center, all Recreation facilities and CCPA Ticket Office closed**
- January 2 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 9, 16 and 23. Contact Katie Yen at (562) 833-6711.
• **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 9, 16 and 23. Contact Julith Neff at (562) 881-9504.
• **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 9, 16 and 23. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- January 3 • **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.
- January 4 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on January 11 and 25. 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 January 11, 18 and 25. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
• **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 11, 18 and 25. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.
• **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 11, 18 and 25. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
- January 5 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 19. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- January 8 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 22. Contact Richard Taylor at (323) 712-0392.
- January 9 • **Cerritos Republican Club**, 7-9 p.m. Contact Dean Grose for location at (562) 241-0235 or deanlosal@gmail.com or visit cerritos-republican.org.
- January 10 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
• **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m. Also on January 24. Contact Mary Ann Tipton for location at (562) 706-2881.
- January 11 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
• **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Sue Verway at (562) 926-2660.
• **Da' Hawaii Seniors Club**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 25. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.
- January 15 • **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
• **City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Library, Senior Center and CCPA Ticket Office closed**
• **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony**, 10 a.m., Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sierra Room.
- January 16 • **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos.
- January 17 • **Community Safety Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- January 18 • **Fine Arts and Historical Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
• **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women**, 6:30 p.m., ABC Adult School at Cabrillo Lane School, 20122 Cabrillo Lane, Cerritos. Contact Gail Ross at gailross1947@gmail.com.
- January 24 • **Let Freedom Ring Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Heritage Park.
- January 25 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- January 30 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.

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Distinguished Young Women offers scholarship opportunity

The Distinguished Young Women's (DYW) Cerritos-Artesia chapter invites female high school juniors in the Class of 2025 to apply for scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded in various categories, including scholastic, judge's interview, talent, fitness and self-expression. Three winners will advance to the California State Program and then to the National Program in Summer 2025. There will be an information meeting for parents at 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 21 at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. There is no fee to apply, but applicants must live in the Cerritos-Artesia area and hold at least a 2.5 GPA. Register at distinguishedyw.org by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31. A DYW scholarship program will take place on Sunday, April 14 at 4 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. For more information, call (562) 547-0645. Founded in 1958 in Mobile, Alabama, DYW is the largest and oldest national scholarship program for high school girls. The program has provided scholarships and life-changing experiences for more than 770,000 young women. ■

Prevent vehicle burglaries

Vehicle burglaries have increased considerably in Los Angeles and Orange counties. According to Cerritos Sheriff's Station deputies, items left in plain view – including laptops, cell phones, garage door openers, purses, briefcases, wallets and gym bags – are some of the most frequently stolen items. The best security against vehicle burglars is to avoid storing items in the car. If you do, secure or conceal the items. Always lock car doors and report the license plates or descriptions of suspicious vehicles or persons immediately to the Cerritos Sheriff's Station. 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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