

The Cerritos News

Mark the City's 69th anniversary at the Spring Fling

Cerritos' annual Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular on Saturday, April 26 celebrates the City's 69th anniversary. Admission is free to the event, which runs from 4 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cerritos Sports Complex. A dance recital, local talent and professional acts will be featured, along with gourmet food trucks. A fireworks display will be presented at 8:30 p.m.

Cerritos was incorporated on April 24, 1956 as the City of Dairy Valley, reflecting the agricultural focus of the community. The cows outnumbered the City's 3,439 residents by nine to one. The City voted on February 17, 1959 to become a California chartered city and the name change to Cerritos was made official

on January 10, 1967. By 1972, Cerritos was the fastest growing city in California.

In 2008, Cerritos received the nation's oldest and most prestigious award, being named an All-America City by the National Civic League. Today the City is thriving as a home to the Cerritos Auto Square, which generates millions of dollars in sales tax revenue annually; the world-class Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts; and the award-winning Cerritos Library. For more on the City's history and growth, visit cerritos.gov/history.

For information on the Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■



Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular features local entertainment and professional acts on April 26.



Scan the QR code to learn more about the City's history at cerritos.gov/history

CCPA features Smokey Robinson and more in April



Smokey Robinson performs at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, April 18.

Spring is in the air with a lively and exciting April lineup that offers a little something for everyone at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA).

The month kicks off with the return of "iLUMINATE" to the CCPA on Tuesday, April 1. Back by popular demand, the show is an immersive mix of dance, music, light, and laughter! With dancers in electrified glow-in-the-dark suits performing dynamic routines and illusions on a darkened stage, "iLUMINATE" is a visual feast for the eyes unlike anything you've ever seen. There's a reason why this fusion of technology and dance experience was hailed as "the best new act in America!" during its run on NBC's "America's Got Talent." Tickets start at just \$44 for this 7 p.m. show.

Four-time Grammy Award winner Smokey Robinson celebrates 50 years of music-making in his "Quiet Storm" tour, which lands at the CCPA on Friday, April 18. During a career marked with scores of honors, the acclaimed singer-songwriter and "King of Motown" has accumulated more than 4,000 songs to his credit, continually selling out to audiences around the globe. The Rock & Roll Hall of Famer formed The Miracles while in high school and led the group to dominate the R&B scene during the '60s and '70s with the timeless hits "You've Really Got a Hold on Me," "I Second That Emotion," and "Tears of a Clown." Don't miss Robinson performing his timeless hits, such as "The



Scan the QR code to access the CCPA Upcoming Events page to purchase tickets.

Tracks of My Tears," "Being With You," and "Just to See Her." Ticket prices for the 8 p.m. show start at \$95.

Just in time for Earth Month, the Emmy-winning team behind Netflix's "Our Planet" series presents a new natural history speaker series: "The Making of Our Planet." Brought to theaters across the country by Silverback Films and Producer esk in association with Netflix, "The Making of Our Planet" is an immersive live show featuring behind-the-scenes stories from the explorers, filmmakers, scientists, and adventurers that created some of the most eye-catching footage of our planet. Hosted by eight-time Emmy-nominated series showrunner Dan Tapster, the program follows polar bears, walruses, seals and penguins as they find their icy Edens in peril. This Director's Pick show takes the stage on Saturday, April 19 at 3 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$43.

For tickets, call the Box Office at (562) 916-8500 or visit cerritoscenter.com. Keep an eye out also for the new 2025-2026 Season shows that will be announced soon! ■

Cerritos General Municipal Election results certified

Three candidates for the Cerritos City Council were selected and two ballot measures were approved by voters in the Cerritos General Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 4. Mark E. Pulido, Jennifer Hong, and Sophia Tse received the highest number of votes and were elected to the Office of Cerritos City Councilmember for a full term of four years. The following measures were adopted:

- Measure J – Shall the Cerritos City Charter be amended to require that voter approval must be obtained for any future change to the City's general municipal election date, currently established as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each odd-numbered year, and make conforming amendments to the start date of each City Council member's term and selection date of the Mayor, relating hereto?
- Measure K – Shall the Cerritos City Charter be amended to remove or modify provisions based on superseding and preemptive State law, increase City-wide operational efficiency by eliminating references to outdated business practices, and correct grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors?

For more information about the Cerritos General Municipal Election, call the City Clerk's Office at (562) 916-1248. ■



Scan the QR code to access the election results page at cerritos.gov/results

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City Council Recap



Scan the QR code to view City Council meeting minutes and agendas at cerritos.gov/agendas

City's Memorial Day Ceremony set for May 26

The City of Cerritos invites the community to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 26, at 10 a.m. near the Cerritos Veterans Memorial in the Cerritos Civic Center.

The event honors members of the United States armed forces who have given the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation's freedom.

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

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

Recreation Leaders and Swim Instructors needed

The City of Cerritos is seeking motivated individuals to fill various Recreation Leader and Swim Instructor positions.

These roles offer opportunities to serve the community, learn new skills, and assist with fun programs and special events.

Applications are available on the City's website at cerritos.gov/jobs. For more information, contact the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■



Scan the QR code to access the Jobs and Volunteering page at cerritos.gov/jobs

Join the City of Cerritos team!

The City of Cerritos is actively hiring for several positions and invites you to apply. Unlock a rewarding career in public service by joining a dynamic and diverse team of professionals across five departments, all committed to ensuring the safety, vitality, and well-being of the Cerritos community.

See what current employees have to say about their experience in Cerritos and view the latest job postings at cerritos.gov/jobs.

Cerritos was incorporated in 1956 as the City of Dairy Valley and officially was named Cerritos in 1967. The City offers top-notch services to residents, businesses and visitors, from its beautiful parks system and Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park to its state-of-the-art Library and renowned Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Cerritos is also known for its quality schools and bustling business community, which includes the Cerritos Auto Square, Cerritos Towne Center, and Los Cerritos Center. ■



The Tribute to Public Safety is located in front of the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.

City dedicates public safety memorial plaza

Community members are encouraged to visit the City's newly installed Tribute to Public Safety memorial to honor the contributions of first responders. Public safety officials from the City and across Los Angeles County joined the Cerritos City Council on February 26 for a dedication ceremony. The Tribute to Public Safety, located in a new gathering space in front of the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center, features three bronze sculptures, an honorary memorial, and a monument observing the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The City partnered with artist Gary Alsum and the National Sculptors' Guild for the memorial's design and installation, with inspiration provided by the City's Fine Arts and Historical Commission.

The Tribute to Public Safety memorial features three bronze sculptures; a firefighter performing a rescue, a deputy sheriff, and a sheriff's K-9 unit. An honorary granite memorial pillar recognizes the late Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Detective Donald William Schneider and Detective Sergeant Carl Eugene Wilson, who died serving in Cerritos in 1973. Additionally, a granite monument honors those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks, and rests among a newly planted group of trees.

The Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center is located at the Cerritos Civic Center, 18135 Bloomfield Avenue. ■

Report potholes to Public Works

Help the City of Cerritos track and repair potholes caused by recent rains in order to keep our roadways safe and clean.

City staff is routinely inspecting streets and making the necessary repairs. The City uses a temporary cold mix to repair potholes immediately after storms. Permanent pothole repairs will be completed after the rainy season.

To report potholes and other adverse conditions, visit cerritos.gov/report, download the City's in-site GoRequest app or call the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220. ■



Scan the QR code to report an issue at cerritos.gov/report

Check out the Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase

The Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase celebrating the City's 69th anniversary will be cablecast on Cerritos TV3 at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 25; Saturday, April 26; and Sunday, April 27. The showcase will also be available for viewing on the City's YouTube channel. The show features singing, dancing, and musical performances from Cerritos residents ages 4 and older.

For more information, call Cerritos Park East at (562) 407-2611. ■

C-4 Well Site Re-Design and Water Treatment Design contract awarded

The City Council recently awarded a contract to Hazen and Sawyer of Los Angeles for the C-4 Well Site Re-Design and Water Treatment Design.

The project entails the design and construction of a water treatment system to treat constituents from groundwater extracted from the C-4 well site. This project allows the City to continue to provide high-quality drinking water and to meet all federal and state standards.

The City of Cerritos' C-4 water well is one of three active, City-owned water wells in the City. Located at 16807 Studebaker Road, the C-4 water well has been a key source of water for the City's production system since 1977. The C-4 water well supplies approximately 2,500 gallons of potable water per minute.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220. ■

April Library News

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.gov.

CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at cerritos.gov and look for the Classes/RACER link or scan the QR code below.



Scan the QR code to access the RACER Registration page.

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.gov

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

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Tues., Apr. 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. For more information, call (562) 916-1343. Space is limited to 40 participants.

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

14584 Thurs., Apr. 17
14585 Thurs., May 1

BOUTONNIÈRE & CORSAGE MAKING CLASS FOR TWEENS/TEENS

Learn how to design and arrange your very own corsage and boutonniere for your loved ones. Fresh-cut blooms and all necessary floral tools and materials will be readily available. Space is limited to 15 participants.

14586 Fri., Apr. 4 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 12-17 Art Studio

WRITING CLASS FOR KIDS

Whitney High School student Tyler Liu will help participants improve their academic writing skills with guided essays, hands-on lessons and activities. Students will learn how to analyze prompts and passages, as well as how to brainstorm and organize ideas. Space is limited to 15 participants.

14587 Fri., Apr. 4-18 5-6 p.m.
& May 9 Hi-Tech Lab
Ages 8-12

UPCYCLED CRAFT

Join us as we create an upcycled craft for Earth Day. Space is limited to 20 participants.

14588 Mon., Apr. 7 5:15-6 p.m.
Ages 7-10 Art Studio

SPRING CELEBRATION STORYTIME

Come enjoy springtime stories, fun crafts, an egg hunt and a special surprise guest! Space is limited to 40 participants.

14589 Thurs., Apr. 10 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 5 and under Little Theater/
Art Studio

BOOKMARK ART CONTEST

Participants will create a bookmark design based on this year's Summer Reading Program theme: "Reading is Always in Style." One design will be selected and printed as a bookmark to be given as a prize during the Summer Reading Program. Space is limited to 24 participants.

14590 Fri., Apr. 11 3:30-5 p.m.
Ages 8-15 Art Studio

3D PRINTING CLASS

Explore the basics of 3D printing using TinkerCad to create a spring-themed project. Participants will each go home with a 3D preprinted surprise item. Space is limited to 10 participants. All participants must have a TinkerCad account.

14591 Tues., Apr. 15 4-5:15 p.m.
Ages 9-12 Hi-Tech Lab

LEGO DUPLO 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.

14592 Fri., Apr. 18 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-4 Little Theater

SPRING BREAK MOVIES

The following movies will be shown at 2 p.m. in the Little Theater. All children and accompanying adults must be registered to attend. Space is limited to 35 participants.

14593 Mon., Apr. 21
"Despicable Me 4" (2024) (PG)
94 minutes
14594 Tues., Apr. 22
"Kung Fu Panda 4" (2024) (PG)
94 minutes
14595 Wed., Apr. 23
"The Wild Robot" (2024) (PG)
101 minutes

BIRD FEEDER CRAFT

Participants will build and decorate a small bird feeder. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 15 participants.

14596 Thurs., Apr. 24 11-11:45 a.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

3D SPRING WIND CHIME CRAFT

Participants will create spring-themed wind chimes, using their creativity to paint fun and unique designs! Space is limited to 20 participants.

14597 Thurs., Apr. 24 4-5 p.m.
Ages 7-12 Art Studio

SPRING TOTES FOR TWEENS AND TEENS

Tweens and teens will create a spring-themed canvas tote bag that is perfect for carrying library books! Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 12.

14598 Fri., Apr. 25 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 10-17 Art Studio

MOTHER'S DAY CARD

Surprise mom on her special day with a handmade Mother's Day card. Space is limited to 20 participants.

14599 Mon., May 5 5:15-6 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

Star Wars Celebration on Fri., May 2

Join us for a fun-filled Star Wars Celebration and enjoy activities, coloring, crafts, and more. Join in the festivities and be sure to register for the following programs.

STAR WARS STORYTIME

Join us for a Star Wars-themed storytime and dress up as your favorite character. Presented by Jedi and Sith from Saber Guild—Temple Prime. Space is limited to 40 participants.

14600 Fri., May 2 3:30-4 p.m.
Ages 8 and Under Little Theater

LIGHTSABER CRAFT

(Space is limited to 24 participants)

14601 (Pre-registered/Session 1)
Fri., May 2 4 p.m.
All Ages Art Studio
14602 (Pre-registered/Session 2)
Fri., May 2 4:30 p.m.
All Ages Art Studio

PADAWAN TRAINING

Learn how to wield your lightsaber with help from the Saber Guild—Temple Prime! Space is limited to 40 participants.

14604 6-6:30 p.m.
Ages 5-8 Skyline Room

SABER GUILD PRESENTS: THE TRIALS

Watch a live-action Star Wars show performance by Jedi and Sith from Saber Guild—Temple Prime!

Registration is not required.

5:30-6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

FINDING DARTH VADER: MON., APR. 28-SUN., MAY 4

Attention: The Rebel Alliance needs your help to stop Darth Vader from invading the Cerritos Library! Every day, he moves and hides in a different location. Children are encouraged to report Darth Vader's new location to the Children's Desk Staff each day for a small prize. Darth Vader only hides in the Children's Room of the library. Daily clues to locate Darth Vader will be provided at the Children's Desk. For children ages 4-12.

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The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "The Demon of Unrest" by Erik Larson.

Wed., Apr. 16 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

MARVEL VS CAPCOM TOURNAMENT

Show off your skills and compete in a high-energy, friendly competition against fellow gamers. Space is limited to 16 participants.

Wed., Apr. 16 3:45-5 p.m.
Ages 13-17 Hi-Tech Lab

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "BALL OF FIRE" (1941)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Ball of Fire," starring Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 111 minutes.

Thurs., Apr. 17 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

Earth Month Celebration on Sat., April 19

April is Earth Month, a time to celebrate and protect our planet. Join us for fun activities while celebrating the Earth!

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All Ages

STORYTIME

Join us for a special Earth Month-themed story-time. Space is limited to 40 participants.

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.
Ages 1-8 Little Theater

Sat., Apr. 19 Noon
Ages 1-8 Little Theater

PRESSED FLOWER BOOKMARKS

Participants will design a pressed flower bookmark. This craft will be led by students from the STEM Up 4 Youth Mission Evergreen organization. While supplies last.

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.
All Ages Outside Library Entrance

PLANET EARTH ROCKS!

Celebrate Earth Month by decorating and painting a rock for your garden or space. Add messages or symbols to show your love and care for the planet. While supplies last.

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.
All Ages Outside Library Entrance

RECYCLED FLOWER CRAFT

Join us as we create an adorable flower using recycled water bottles. While supplies last.

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.
All Ages Art Studio

SUCCULENTS 101

Learn about the importance of succulents, then use a biodegradable pot to decorate and plant your own. While supplies last.

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.
All Ages Outside Library Entrance

UV BRACELET

Join us as we create an ultraviolet light detection bracelet. While supplies last.

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.
All Ages Outside Library Entrance

KOALA CRAFT

Join us as we create a koala using recycled magazines and newspapers. While supplies last.

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.
All Ages Outside Library Entrance

DIY PINWHEEL MAKING CRAFT

Participants will customize and assemble their personalized paper pinwheels. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes. While supplies last.

Tues., Apr. 22 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 4-12 Art Studio

FAMILY COLORING AFTERNOON

Relax, socialize, and explore your creativity in a tranquil setting. A selection of spring coloring sheets and art materials will be available for all ages. While supplies last. Space is limited.

Sat., Apr. 26 1-2 p.m.
All Ages Art Studio

Library Displays

THE COSMOS — AS SEEN FROM CERRITOS

Photographer Trung Nguy presents a cosmic photo gallery of astronomical images photographed from his home in Cerritos. Nguy captures interstellar images using advanced techniques to minimize the effects of light pollution. The exhibit will be on display in the main lobby of the Library through the end of April.

City unveils Gridley Park playground renovations

Visitors to Gridley Park can now enjoy a newly renovated playground on the east side of the park.

The Cerritos City Council celebrated the completion of renovations to the Gridley Park east playground as part of a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, March 21.

Renovations to the park's east playground included the removal and replacement of equipment that had been damaged by an arson fire, with funding for the nearly \$255,000 project paid by an insurance settlement.

Visitors of multiple ages can play across two playground structures, one designed for ages 2-5 and another for ages 5-12, atop rubberized surfacing. Additional features include a Tri Runner that allows for seated spinning and a swing structure.

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

Arbor Week poster contest entries sought

The City of Cerritos is hosting an Arbor Week art poster contest with the theme "Trees Build Communities." The contest is open to Cerritos residents ages 5 to 14 and students in the ABC Unified School District, Valley Christian Schools, or Bellflower Unified School District.

Entries must be original artwork, no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches, and may feature any drawing or painting materials (pencils, chalks, pastels, crayons, watercolors and/or acrylics). Do not mat, mount or frame the posters. Include the artist's name, age, address, and phone number on the back of the poster or use the official entry form (available at cerritos.gov). Completed entries must be dropped off at the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 4.

Winning artwork will be displayed on the City's website at cerritos.gov starting Monday, April 28, through Monday, May 26. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

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**HELP KEEP CITY PARKS CLEAN
AND THE ANIMALS HEALTHY**

Cerritos Library and Recreation Services Division seek volunteers

The Cerritos Library Volunteer program and the City's Recreation Services Division are recruiting dependable teen volunteers.

Library Volunteer applications are currently available. The Summer Session will run from Monday, June 2, through Friday, August 1.

Volunteer duties include shelving library materials, helping with arts and crafts projects, monitoring the children's computer workstations, and operating the Friends Bookstore.

Volunteer positions are open to students at least 13 years old in grades 7 through 12. Applicants must have a Cerritos Library card in good standing and are required to successfully pass a criminal background assessment in accordance with City policy, which includes a live scan records check, prior to their start date.

Applications will be available at the Circulation Desk. For more information, call (562) 916-1338 or email volunteer@cerritos.us. Cerritos Library is open

from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The Recreation Services Division's volunteer program also offers ample opportunities for adults and teens, age 13 and older, who would like to serve their community.

The Application/Waiver is available online at cerritos.gov/recvolunteer or at any Cerritos community center. Volunteers younger than 18 must obtain approval from their parent or guardian.

For more information, call Heritage Park at (562) 916-8570. ■

Promote safety with nightly routine



As the City expands its public safety measures to curb burglaries, the Cerritos Community Safety Division and the Cerritos Sheriff's Station encourage residents to remain active in their own prevention and response. One way homeowners can get involved is by adopting the 9 p.m. routine, which urges people to:

- Remove valuables from cars
- Lock your doors (the house and your cars)

Metro continues improvements to 605 Freeway at South Street

As part of the I-605 Hot Spots Program, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is making efforts to ease congestion with improvements to the southbound I-605 Freeway at the South Street off-ramp.

The project adds an additional exit lane from I-605 to the South Street off-ramp. This will result in a standard deceleration distance for motorists exiting the freeway. By reconfiguring the South Street southbound off-ramp, the project will help ease gridlock, enhance mobility and improve public safety and regional traffic flow.

The one-year construction project will cost approximately \$33 million and the traffic signal improvements are fully funded by Metro. For more information, call Metro at (213) 922-4091 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/yeu6v8xn>. ■



Scan the QR code to check the status of the Metro I-605 South Street offramp project.

- Bring in your mail
- Turn on outdoor lights
- Activate alarms

Other ways to fight crime include leaving a radio on during the day and lights on at night, posting "Beware of Dog" signs, making sure shrubs don't obscure doors and windows, and refraining from posting vacation photos on social media when traveling. Investing in an alarm and camera system and installing shatter-resistant security film on first-floor windows and doors also help to deter criminals.

For more information on burglary prevention and response, please visit cerritos.gov/burglarydefense.

Residents are highly 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 for more information. Join the City's Neighborhood Watch program at cerritos.gov/neighborhoodwatch. ■



Scan the QR code for more about City burglary defense at cerritos.gov/burglarydefense.

Be cautious of coyotes in Cerritos

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 yards free of thick brush and weeds.
- Enclose the bottoms of porches and decks.
- 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 residential fences.

Domestic dogs are especially vulnerable to coyote attacks. 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.

Residents who see a coyote in their neighborhood should 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 or fearless 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. ■

TV3 Schedule: April

City Council, Commission, and Committee Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meeting

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

7 p.m. on Monday, April 21 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22 and 10 a.m. on Monday, April 28

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2 (live), rebroadcasts: 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 3 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9

Property Preservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6

Program Highlights

Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase 2025

7 p.m. on Friday, April 25; 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 26; 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 27; and 6 p.m. on Monday, April 28

CCPA Performances: ATMA Ensemble

7 p.m. on Saturday, April 5; 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 6; 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 10; and 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 19

CCPA Performances:

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

11 a.m. on Saturday, April 5; 10 a.m. on Friday, April 11; 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 17; and 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 20

Concerts Under the Stars: Knyght Ryder

9 p.m. on Thursday, April 3; 9 p.m. on Monday, April 14; 8 p.m. on Friday, April 18; and 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22

For Cerritos TV3 schedule and streaming video, visit: cerritos.gov/tv3



Scan the QR code to access the Cerritos TV3 page.

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- **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos.
- **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 8, 15, and 22. Contact Katie Yen at (562) 833-6711.
- **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 8, 15, and 22. Contact Wen Chang at (626) 500-5035.
- **The “Original” Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 8, 15, and 22. Contact Lucita Cordero at (714) 947-6456.
- **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.
- **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny’s, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on April 10 and 24. Contact Harold Bazarian at (562) 884-2913.
- **Cerritos (Mid-City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 10, 17, and 24. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
- **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 10, 17, and 24. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.
- **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 10, 17, and 24. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
- **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- **Cerritos Certified Farmers Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, CCPA northwest parking lot. Also on April 12, 19, and 26.
- **Weekend Community Center hours change to 10 a.m.-8 p.m.**
- **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 14, 21 and 28. Contact Richard Taylor at (323) 712-0392.
- **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.
- **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **Woman’s Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Rhonda Burd at (562) 843-2468.
- **Da’ Hawaii Seniors Club**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 24. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.
- **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University of Women**, 6:30 p.m., 20122 Cabrillo Lane, Cerritos. Contact (562) 924-5227
- **Library Closed**
- **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **69th Anniversary of the City’s Incorporation**
- **Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular Celebrating the City’s 69th Anniversary**, 4-8:30 p.m., Cerritos Sports Complex.
- **Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course hours change to 6 a.m. -8 p.m.**
- **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.

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Program fights fraud, notifies homeowners

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Under the program, owners are alerted within five to 30 business days after certain documents are recorded on their property, including those that pertain to an ownership change, show loans taken against the home, or a Notice of Default or Notice of Sale.

Document copies are sent to homeowners to review for accuracy and legitimacy, giving owners the opportunity to take adequate steps to deal with an impending foreclosure or real estate fraud.

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