

The Cerritos News

March brings rock, magic and so much more to the CCPA



ASHANTI With Special Guest Ginuwine perform at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, March 8.

Magic is in the air this March at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The lineup offers fun tribute shows, treats for music and dance fans and family-friendly delights.

Experience the late “Queen of Rock ‘n’ Roll” Tina Turner like never before with a tribute showcasing her electrifying hits from the ‘60s, ‘70s, ‘80s and ‘90s. Featuring a live band, “Proud Tina: The Ultimate Tribute to Tina Turner” showcases the eight-time Grammy winner’s biggest successes: “What’s Love Got to Do With It,” “Simply the Best,” “Proud Mary,” “We Don’t Need Another Hero,” “Better Be Good to Me” and “Private Dancer.” Not associated with the Estate of Tina Turner, the show comes to the Cerritos Center on Sunday, March 3 at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$49.

Grammy winner Ashanti’s 2002 debut album “Ashanti” smashed the Billboard Top 200 and R&B album charts and soared to triple Platinum status. Thanks to a host of hit songs like “Foolish,” “What’s Luv?,” “Rock Wit U (Awww Baby),” “Rain on Me” and “Only U,” the singer-songwriter collected scores of Billboard awards, American Music Awards, Soul Train Awards and ASCAP Music Awards. Grammy-nominated R&B singer-songwriter Ginuwine opens the show with his hits “Differences,” “Pony,” “So Anxious” and “Stingy.” The dancer-actor’s “Three Kings” garnered a Grammy nod for “Best R&B Album,” and “100% Ginuwine” won the 2000 Soul Train Award for “Best R&B/Soul Album.” Catch the two icons at the Cerritos Center on Friday, March 8 at 8 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$59.

It has been called “the greatest rock band ever assembled for Broadway” by the “N.Y. Daily News.” Join the band and singers from the cast of the Tony-nominated Broadway musical “Rock of Ages” as they unite to perform ‘80s Rock songs the way they were meant to be played! Enjoy their fresh spin on the era’s biggest hits from bigwigs such as Bon Jovi, Foreigner, Journey, Whitesnake, Poison, Joan Jett, Mötley Crüe and many more. Join the action on Saturday, March 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at only \$34.

Prepare to be dazzled in this night of nonstop hits from “The Jukebox Stars of Doo-Wop and Rock”! Hall of Fame Vocal Group Jay and The Americans (“Cara Mia,” “This Magic Moment” and “Come a Little Closer”) and the Pop/Doo-Wop group The Safaris Featuring Jimmy Stephens (“Image of a Girl”) are joined by The

Crystals (“He’s a Rebel,” “Da Doo Ron Ron” and “Then He Kissed Me”) and The Diamonds (“Little Darlin’,” “The Stroll” and “Why Do Fools Fall in Love”). Special guest and “America’s Got Talent” finalist and comedian John Wing hosts with The American Gold Band. Tickets start at only \$45 for this Sunday, March 10 show at 3 p.m.

Get ready for a sizzler! Emmy winner Benise takes audiences on a magical “Fiesta!” journey, using dance and his Spanish guitar to inject energy and intensity into his fresh interpretations of classic Rock anthems from Led Zeppelin and AC/DC. The “Prince of the Spanish Guitar” adds his signature touch to classics such as “Ave Maria,” “Moonlight Sonata” and Antonio Vivaldi’s “Summer” from “The Four Seasons.” The “Denver Rocky Mountain News” declared it a “spark of genius.” Tickets start at \$49 for the 8 p.m. show on Friday, March 15. The VIP package, which costs \$105, includes premium seating, a meet-and-greet, personal photograph, autographed CD and more.

Round up the family and catch what the “Los Angeles Times” calls the “liveliest lineup of magic acts this side of Las Vegas!” The annual audience favorite, “It’s Magic,” returns with an all-new cast of award-winning performers from around the globe, ready to amaze audiences with sleight-of-hand illusions, stage tricks, comedy and variety acts. Ticket prices start at just \$50. Prepare to be speechless and spellbound on Saturday, March 16 at 8 p.m.

Get ready for 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 experience unlike anything you’ve ever seen. “The New York Times” crowned it “spectacular! Magical! Dazzling!” There’s a reason why this fusion of technology and dance was hailed as “the best new act in America!” during its run on “America’s Got Talent.” Tickets start at \$39 for this Director’s Pick show on Sunday, March 17 at 3 p.m.

The CCPA pays “Tribute to the Hollywood Icons” on Friday, March 22 at 8 p.m. The evening features Frank Ferrante as Groucho Marx; Andy DiMino as Dean Martin; Raymond Michael as Elvis; Daryl Wagner as Liberace; Bill Johnson as Bob Hope; Vanessa Claire Stewart as Keely Smith; and Art Vargas as Bobby Darin.



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

The show also features members from Les Brown & His Band of Renown. Ticket prices start at only \$45.

“The Beat Goes On Starring Lisa McClowry as Cher” showcases the “Goddess of Pop’s” hits spanning from the ‘60s to now, including “I Got You Babe,” “I Found Someone,” “If I Could Turn Back Time” and the Grammy-winning song “Believe.” A live band, LED walls, videos and multiple costume changes kick things up a notch for the full experience in this live one-woman Broadway-style show, which comes to the Cerritos stage on Saturday, March 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets are as low as \$44.

ATMA Ensemble strives to preserve its musical heritage through the performance of ragas —traditional South Indian music built around drones and improvisations that swell and evolve to match the mood. The group, whose name stands for “Alliance for Tradition in Musical Arts” and the Sanskrit word for “soul,” plays pieces that blend the range and style of Indian and Western instrumentation, merging traditional Carnatic music with the spirit and verve of Jazz. Tickets start at \$38. The VIP package (which includes premium seating, a vegetarian/vegan Indian lunch with wine from Appu’s Turmeric Café and a lecture/demonstration on Indian music at noon) is \$150. Mark the calendar for Sunday, March 24 at 3 p.m.

Award-winning composer Rob Kapilow takes audiences inside the music of “Ladies of the Canyon (Music of Carole King and Joni Mitchell)” in this “What Makes It Great?” presentation on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. Four-time Grammy winner King is celebrated for “Tapestry,” featuring “It’s Too Late,” “I Feel the Earth Move” and “You’ve Got a Friend.” Nine-time Grammy winner Mitchell’s biggest hits are “Big Yellow Taxi,” “Woodstock” and “Chelsea Morning.” Tickets are \$55 for this show sponsored by George & Bev Ray.

The immersive concert-style show “The Simon & Garfunkel Story” chronicles the amazing journey shared by the Folk-Rock duo Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, from their humble beginnings to becoming a best-selling act of the 1960s to their eventual split. Together they collected 10 Grammys and were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. The pair’s notable works include “Bridge Over Troubled Water” and “The Sound of Silence.” Check it out at the Cerritos Center on Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m.; Friday, March 29 at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, March 30 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$49.

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



Mayor's Weekly 60



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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.

December 14, 2023

- Designated Councilmember Lynda Johnson as the voting delegate and Councilmember Frank Yokoyama as the voting alternate to represent the City on the Independent Cities Association (ICA) Board of Directors. As a result of this action, the City Clerk will notify the ICA of the City's designation of the voting delegate and alternate and add this item to the list of Mayor's Annual Appointments for City Council consideration each year that the City remains a member of the organization.
- Authorized administrative-initiated Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget amendments as follows:
 - 1. Account/Project: cp17199 Groundwater Remediation-Civic Center (Amount: \$450,329) Justification: Various change orders were issued to the contractor, some of which included integrating new pumps into the SCADA system, relocating existing utilities, installing extra electrical equipment, removing and installing concrete in the drive aisle and adjustment for quantities. A change order is also needed for additional construction management, which covers structural design and special inspections.
 - 2. Account/Project: cp12706 CCPA Roof Replacement (Amount: \$215,360)
 - Justification: Two change orders involved essential modifications to the project. Under Change Order No. 1, the contractor was requested to replace caulking at tile joints above the barrel roof due to natural wear, apply a suitable joint sealant for Polyurethane bonding, and extend waterproofing wall limits to cover existing cracks. Change Order No. 2 involved addressing leakage in the mechanical room, which necessitated preparation and installation of deck and wall coating in the mechanical room at the Sierra Room. These changes were made to ensure the integrity and functionality of the project's infrastructure.
- Awarded a contract to Multicultural Books and Videos for Cerritos Library foreign languages book collection development services (total proposal), RFP No. 1524-23; 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.

- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$97,099 to California Constructors for Heritage Park roof replacement (total bid), Bid No. 1530-23, and rejected the other bids.
- Authorized a budget amendment for the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$630,000 from the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for Project No. 23118, Sports Complex Soil Restoration, Laser Grade and Sod Installation.
- Awarded a \$1,377,500 contract to Southern California Landscape, Inc. for Sports Complex soil restoration (total bid), Bid No. 1534-23, and rejected the other bids.
- Authorized a budget amendment for the appropriation of funds, and a corresponding revenue amendment, in Fiscal Year 2023-24 in the amount of \$18,053 from the WRD Settlement for Project No. 17197, C-5 water well; and
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$612,312 to South West Pump & Drilling, Inc. for C-5 well pumping services and pilot study (total bid), Bid No. 1523-23, Project No. 17197, and rejected the other bids.
- Authorized the creation of a new Capital Improvement Program project titled: Carmenita Road and Artesia Boulevard Rehabilitation, Project No. 24305.
- Authorized a budget amendment for a new budget allocation in the amount of \$2,500,000 from the Street Improvement Fund, and a corresponding revenue amendment for Fiscal Year 2023-24, for the proposed Carmenita Road and Artesia Boulevard rehabilitation, Project No. 24305; and
- Authorized a budget amendment for the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$893,480 from the General Fund for Project No. 23701, Citywide Facility Network Infrastructure for Fiscal Year 2023-24; and
- Authorized the Mayor to execute the associated street repaving agreement with Caltrans; and
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$3,062,000 to Hardy & Harper, Inc. for Carmenita Road and Artesia Boulevard rehabilitation (total bid), Bid No. 1525-23, and rejected the other bids.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-38, a resolution of the City of Cerritos amending Section 8.03 (Purchasing and Contracting Policy) of the City of Cerritos Policy and Procedure Manual to update various purchasing policy standards.
- Approved the agreement for Animal Control Services between the City of Long Beach and the City

of Cerritos for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, with provisions for two two-year extensions; and

- Authorized a budget amendment for a new allocation in the amount of \$37,868 in the approved Fiscal Year 2023-24 City budget to fund the difference between the projected animal services contract cost of \$534,600 and the actual established cost of the animal services contract \$572,468.
- Did not approve proposed amendment to Policy No. 7.06 - City of Cerritos Naming and Renaming of City Facilities Policy.
- Adjourned in memory of Ethan Jaylib Soriano.

January 11, 2024

- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$339,208.24 to Service First for Citywide water feature maintenance and repair (total bid), RFP No. 1511-23 for a one-year term, with provisions for four one-year extensions.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2024-01, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos approving and certifying the mitigated negative declaration for the Del Amo Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Traffic Signal Enhancement Project.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2024-02, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos amending Resolution No. 2023-13, revising Article 5, General Compensation and Classification, to provide for certain adjustments in the employment system and the personnel policies, for full-time non-exempt employees represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 619;
- Adopted Resolution No. 2024-03, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos amending Resolution No. 2023-14, revising section 4, Part-Time Temporary Salary and Benefit Administration Policies, to provide for certain adjustments in the employment system and the personnel policies, for all part-time temporary employees, including temporary part-time employees represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) LOCAL 619; and
- Adopted Resolution No. 2024-04, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos amending Resolution No. 2023-15, revising Section 4, Part-Time Confidential Temporary Salary and Benefit Administration Policies, and Section 7, General Salary Schedule, to provide for certain adjustments in the employment system and the personnel policies, for full-time exempt employees, full-time confidential employees, and part-time confidential employees.

Cerritos City Council sets goals for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget

The Cerritos City Council recently set the following five goals as part of the strategic planning process for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget:

- Enhance Public Infrastructure and Community Aesthetics
- Boost Economic Growth and Prosperity
- Enhance Effectiveness and Efficiencies of Public Safety Programs
- Increase Technology Infrastructure/Use
- Increase Fiscal Transparency

City staff will use these goals to guide the development of the preliminary budget proposal and present it to the City Council at the next budget study session at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 9. ■

Water feature maintenance contract awarded

The City Council recently awarded a contract to Service First of Santa Ana for water feature maintenance and repair throughout Cerritos.

Not to exceed \$339,208.24 annually, the one-year contract includes provisions for up to four one-year extensions.

The City of Cerritos owns and maintains 17 water features, all utilizing elaborate mechanical pumping systems to filter and circulate water. Regular maintenance is required to keep the equipment operational and in good repair. ■

Reset your clocks on March 10

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 10. Set your clocks forward one hour and replace smoke alarm batteries. Check the units to ensure they are functioning properly.

A typical smoke alarm has a lifespan of approximately 10 years. A properly functioning smoke alarm can greatly reduce the risks of death and/or injuries in the event of a fire. ■

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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 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.us

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

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Fri., Mar. 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

- 12124 Thurs., Mar. 21
- 12125 Thurs., Mar. 28
- 12126 Thurs., Apr. 4

KIDS' PLANTING WORKSHOP

Master Gardener Kay Begum will conduct a planting workshop. Students will have an opportunity to get their hands dirty planting while learning about bulbs and other seeds. 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. Space is limited to 10 participants.

- 12127 Thurs., Mar. 7 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

STEAM AFTERNOONS

Discover the achievements of female scientists and participate in fun STEAM-related activities. Space is limited to 10 participants, ages 8-12.

- 12146 Fri., Mar. 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 12148 Fri., Mar. 15 Art Studio

MOSQUITO LEAGUE EXPERIENCE & RV MOBILE UNIT EXPERIENCE

Join us as Mosquito League staff educates students on the world's deadliest animal. This is a fun and educational program with hands-on activities. Space is limited to 20 participants. The Mosquito League Education Program is presented by the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD). GLACVCD is a public agency that protects people from mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases. The Mosquito League Education Program provides fun and educational activities that promote student comprehension and learning. The team seeks to educate and foster student interest in pursuing future scientific careers in Entomology, Biology and Public Health.

- 12177 Tues., Mar. 12 4 p.m.
Ages 8-12
Little Theater/
Civic Center Parking Lot

RADICAL REPTILES SHOW AND TELL

Children will get an opportunity to meet a variety of reptiles. Space is limited to 30 participants.

- 12149 Thurs., Mar. 14 11 a.m.
Ages 1-6 Little Theater

STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

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

- 12151 Fri., Mar. 22 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-5 Little Theater

YOUNG REMBRANDT'S/MICKALENE THOMAS

Students will explore the work of contemporary artist Mickalene Thomas. Inspired by her artwork, children will re-create a portrait of the artist. Space is limited to 20 participants.

- 12154 Fri., Mar. 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 7-12 Art Studio

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, ages 8-12.

- 12156 Mon., Apr. 1
"Elemental" (2023) (PG)
- 12159 Tues., Apr. 2
"The Super Mario Bros. Movie" (2023) (PG)
- 12164 Wed., Apr. 3
"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem" (2023) (PG)

BIRDHOUSE CRAFT

Participants will build and decorate a small birdhouse craft. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 12 participants. The project 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 by the California State Librarian.

- 12166 Tues., Apr. 2 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

KIDS' SUCCULENT POTTING CLASS

Participants will decorate a pot and plant a succulent to take home. Space is limited to 15 participants. The project 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 by the California State Librarian.

- 12167 Fri., Apr. 5 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

BABIES 'N' BOOKS

Children and caregivers participate in music, nursery rhymes, simple stories and books. The class is limited to 20 participants. For more information, call (562) 916-1343.

- 12168 Mon.,
Apr. 8-May 20 11 a.m.
Ages 6-25 mos. Little Theater

MATH HOMEWORK HELP

An after-school mathematics homework help program will be offered for Cerritos residents. Students should bring their math homework and a book to read. A parent or designated individual is required to sign students in and out of each class meeting. Space is limited to 20 participants per class.

- 12169 Mon.,
Apr. 8-May 20 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grades 3-6 Art Studio

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT MONDAYS

Children and parents will participate in 30-45 minutes of songs and movement activities that enhance both the growth and fine motor skills of the child. The class is limited to 20 participants.

- 12172 Mon.,
Apr. 8-May 20 5:15 p.m.
Ages 4-6 Little Theater

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft activity. The class is limited to 18 participants.

- 12170 Tues.,
Apr. 9-May 21 11 a.m.
Ages 3-5 Art Studio

HOMEWORK HELP

An after-school homework help program will be offered for Cerritos residents. Students should bring their homework and a book to read. A parent or designated individual is required to sign students in and out of each class meeting. Space is limited to 15 participants per class. Please register for only one of the following sessions. All participants must attend the first day of class.

- 12173 Tues.,
Apr. 9-May 21 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grades 1-6 Art Studio

- 12175 Wed.,
Apr. 10-May 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grades 1-6 Art Studio

CHILD & TEEN READ ALOUD

Children who are able to read are invited to participate in special read aloud sessions. These children will be teamed up with energetic teens during this weekly program. To be eligible for this program, all participants must attend the first day of class for testing. Space is limited to 10 participants.

- 12176 Wed.,
Apr. 10-May 22 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 7-9 Little Theater

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The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

MEET AUTHOR *casey cui*

Author *casey cui* will read from her book, "Groovy Girl 2." *casey cui*, a.k.a. Maritza Roño Refuerzo, was born in a beach town in Southern California, and her ancestors hail from Madrid and Bilbao, Spain; Xiamen, China; and the western coast of the island of Luzon in the Philippines. Copies of the book will be available to purchase.

Mon., Mar. 4 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

BAGPIPE PERFORMANCE AND DISCUSSION WITH JOHN MCLEAN ALLAN

John McLean Allan will present a bagpipe performance. Allan moved from Scotland to Los Angeles to pursue a music career, and has been a professional musician for over 25 years. He has played with performers such as Korn, The Chieftains, Michael Flatley and the Tonight Show Band. Join us as he plays his favorite songs and answers audience questions.

Tues., Mar. 5 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

RANCHO LOS CERRITOS BULBS OF CALIFORNIA

California is home to over 200 species of native bulbs. Marie Barnidge-McIntyre discusses the most delightful flowers that bloom in the spring. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

Wed., Mar. 6 6:00 p.m. Skyline Room

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on St. Patrick's Day craft will be held in the Art Studio for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Fri., Mar. 8 11 a.m. -12 p.m. & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

FAMILY STORYTIME

Cerritos Library's 30-45 minute storytimes incorporating stories and audience participation will be held in the Little Theater.

Sat., Mar. 9 11:15 a.m.
8 and under Little Theater

ASTRONOMY NIGHT

In anticipation of the April 8, 2024 solar eclipse, Cerritos Library will host our annual Astronomy Night. Guests will have a chance to view the night sky through telescopes on the terrace, participate in robotics demonstrations, astronomy and eclipse-related STEM activities, and make an eclipse pinhole viewer. Solar Eclipse viewing glasses, provided by the SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries) program, will be given to the first 200 participants.

Tues., Mar. 19 6 p.m. Skyline Room

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "A Murrur of Bees" by Sofia Segovia. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Wed., Mar. 20 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

"TRANSFORMATION": A WOMEN WHO SUBMIT ANTHOLOGY

Join us as the editor and writers from Women Who Submit read their short stories from their anthology

"Transformation," followed by a Q&A. Topics include submitting to an anthology, rejections and curation.

Mon., Mar. 25 6 p.m.
Ages 13 & Up Skyline Room

WOMEN IN AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY FAMILY PRESENTATION

Join us as representatives from the Petersen Automotive Museum explore the impact of women in the automotive industry. After the presentation, join us for a stem-related activity.

Wed., Mar. 27 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN" (1936)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town," starring Gary Cooper with Jean Arthur, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 115 minutes.

Thurs., Mar. 28 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

ORCHIDS: GROWING AND CARE

Join us for a presentation on growing and caring for orchids by Master Gardener Falguni Trieu. Trieu will bring orchids for guests to view and go over how to re-pot and re-bloom their plants. 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.

Thurs., Apr. 4 6 p.m. Skyline Room

CONTESTS FOR TALENTED TEENS

The 25th Annual Teen Contests are open to all students with valid Cerritos Library cards and attending grades 7 through 12. All entries must be original. One entry per person is allowed for each category. Gift certificates to a bookstore will be presented to the winners at a reception in May. The contests are sponsored by the Friends of the Cerritos Library. The deadline for all entries is Friday, March 29 at 7 p.m.

Themes and Specifications:

Art: "The Beauty of my Hometown"
(No larger than 12" x 18" and using any medium)

Photography: "These Streets"
(No larger than 8" x 10")

Poetry: "A Dream" (Up to 50 lines)

Short Story: "You discovered a magical object"
(No more than 500 words)

Library Exhibition

PHO-TANICA FLORALS, PAINTED WITH THE CAMERA

Cerritos Library will host a unique photo exhibit presented by photographer Steve Walag. He has enjoyed a varied career over the last 50 years as a photojournalist, public relations photographer, photo instructor and school photographer. His interest in art is driven by both the camera and painting. In 2015, Walag began developing a new style, emulating traditional Japanese painting, which employs digital photography, software and printing techniques to create the look of brushwork. Walag's work has been shown at the Chaffey Community Museum of Art and art festivals in the Inland Empire. This exhibit will be featured in the Library's Main Street from March 6-April 29.

WOMEN IN STEM POSTER DISPLAY

Posters from the Smithsonian Institute featuring Women in STEM will on display in the Craftsman area throughout March in recognition of Women's History Month.

The Friends of the Cerritos Library hosts Writer's Festival

A don't-miss for bookworms and aspiring writers, the first-ever Writer's Festival to celebrate the magic of storytelling will be held at the Cerritos Library's Skyline Room on Saturday, March 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is opened to ages 18 and older.

Hosted by The Friends of the Cerritos Library, the festival will include a luncheon, entertainment, and a six-author panel discussion followed by a book-signing.

Featured authors include Diane Marie Brown, who penned the novel "Black Candle Women"; Melissa Chadburn, who wrote the acclaimed "A Tiny Upward Shove"; Carolyn Huynh, whose "The Fortunes of Jaded Women" was a "Good Morning America" book club pick; New York Times bestselling author Alka Joshi of "The Henna Artist"; Zara Raheem, who scribed "The Retreat and the Marriage Clock"; and Belinda Huijuan Tang of "Map for the Missing."

Proceeds will support The Friends of the Cerritos Library in its mission to raise funds for library programs and services.

Registration is \$60 for The Friends of the Cerritos Library members and \$70 for non-members. Guests can register online at cerritoslibrary.eventbrite.com or by mailing a check to Friends of the City of Cerritos Library, P.O. Box 3876, Cerritos, CA, 90703.

The Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue. For more details on the event, call (562) 916-1342. ■

Cerritos Library announces free seeds program

Beginning in April, Cerritos Library patrons ages 13 and older will be able to pick up free seeds from a new Seed Library.

The Seed Library offers seeds for native California plants such as wildflowers, sunflowers and a pollinator mix of flowers, along with a variety of vegetable, fruit and herb seeds.

Patrons may select up to four seed packets per month. Seeds and packets do not need to be returned to the library. The project 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 by the California State Librarian.

The Seed Library will be located on the first floor of the library, near the Circulation Desk. ■

Library Study Room names updated with community input

The Cerritos Library Study Rooms now feature the names of three women celebrated for their contributions to medicine, math and science, including Marie Curie, Katherine Johnson and Chien-Shiung Wu.

Local community members suggested renaming three of the Study Rooms for women as they were all previously named for men. The Cerritos City Council approved a project to seek input regarding renaming the rooms and selecting the men's names to be retained.

Based on the results of online community voting surveys, the Study Rooms now display the names of Nikola Tesla and Jules Verne in addition to Curie, Johnson and Wu. The adjacent Access Plus Room retains George Orwell's name.

The library's Study Rooms can be reserved for studying by small groups of students in junior high school and above. The rooms can be reserved in person with a valid Cerritos Library Card at the library's Reservation Desk up to one week in advance and for up to two hours. ■

Recreation Services seeking volunteers

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

Volunteers are required to have a City of Cerritos Recreation Services Division Volunteer Application/Waiver on file. They will be fingerprinted and must attend a volunteer orientation workshop prior to being assigned to any program or event. The next orientations are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20 and Wednesday, April 17 at Heritage Park. Volunteers are also required to attend two enrichment workshops a year to maintain their active status.

The Application/Waiver is available online in the Recreation section of the City's website at cerritos.us or at any Cerritos community center. Volunteers younger than 18 must obtain a signature from their parent or guardian.

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

Arbor Week poster contest entries sought

The City of Cerritos is hosting an Arbor Week art poster contest with the theme "Trees Grow With Us and for Us." 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.us). Completed entries must be dropped off at the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 5.

Winning artwork will be displayed on the City's website at cerritos.us starting Monday, April 29 through Monday, May 27. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

Sign up for Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase

Cerritos residents are invited to participate in the Talent Showcase celebrating the City's 68th anniversary, which will be cablecast on Cerritos TV3 at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 26; Saturday, April 27; and Sunday, April 28. The show features Cerritos residents, ages 4 and older, in singing, dancing and musical performances.

To participate, complete and submit the digital entry form available at cerritos.us through Monday, March 4. Qualifying acts will be notified by email and must record their performances on Monday, April 1 or Tuesday, April 2 by appointment only. The number of acts will be limited and acts cannot exceed four minutes. Group performances may include a maximum of six members (at least half of the group must be Cerritos residents). Recorded accompaniment music must be in mp3 format. Participation certificates will be issued.

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

Free document shredding offered on March 23

The City of Cerritos is offering a paper shredding event from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 23. The event will be held in the parking lot of the Cerritos Senior Center located at 12340 South Street.

Community members may bring up to two banker-sized (12" wide, 15" long and 9.5" deep) boxes of paper documents to be shredded at no charge. Staples and paper clips may be left on documents, but paperwork should not contain any binder clips or three-ring binders. Documents will be shredded on-site at the program. This is a secure way to dispose of paperwork that contains private information.

In addition to the shredding event, each participating resident will have the option to obtain free fresh compost. Residents must bring their own rigid container, no larger than 35 gallons, to hold the compost.

For more information, call the Cerritos Senior Center at (562) 916-8550. ■

Business Spotlight

Big 5 Electronics Inc.

Big 5 Electronics Inc. was selected for the City's Business Spotlight Program, which highlights local businesses that foster pride in the City's community and economy.

Founded in 2003 by brothers Rizwan and Latif Bawaney, the company has been in Cerritos for 16 years, becoming the nation's premier 12-volt wholesale car audio distributor by cultivating strong relationships with both retailers and manufacturers.

Big 5 Electronics provides high-quality products and services related to vehicle audio components, including head units, speakers, subwoofers, installation, amplifiers, multimedia, navigation, marine head units, marine subwoofers, marine speakers, marine amplifiers, alarms, capacitors, kits, subwoofer enclosures, HID lights, sound dampening and batteries.

Located at 13452 Alondra Boulevard in Cerritos, Big 5 Electronics Inc. can be reached at (562) 941-4669 or big5electronics.com.

Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular set for April 27

Cerritos residents are invited to attend the City's Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular Celebrating the City's 68th anniversary at the Cerritos Sports Complex on Saturday, April 27 from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Entertainment will begin with a dance recital featuring the City's youth dance classes. Local talent and professional acts will also be on display. A fireworks display will be presented at 8:30 p.m.

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

TV3 Schedule: March

City Council and Commission Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, March 14 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, March 15 and 10 a.m. on Monday, March 18

7 p.m. on Thursday, March 28 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, March 29 and 10 a.m. on Monday, April 1

Fine Arts and Historical Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, March 22 and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, March 7 (live), rebroadcasts: 3 p.m. on Friday, March 8 and 7 p.m. on Monday, March 11

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6 (live), rebroadcasts: 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 7 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13

Property Preservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2

Program Highlights

Mayor's Weekly 60

11 a.m. on Sunday, March 3; 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 9; 6 p.m. on Friday, March 15; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 24

Cerritos: A City With Vision

11 a.m. on Friday, March 1; 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6; 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 21; and 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 28

CCPA Performances: Golden Dragon Acrobats

5 p.m. on Saturday, March 9; 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 17; 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19; and 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 23

CCPA Performances: Four Italian Tenors

7 p.m. on Saturday, March 2; 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 16; 7 p.m. on Friday, March 22; and 11 a.m. on Friday, March 29

Concerts Under the Stars: Woodie and the Longboards

11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5; 12 p.m. on Friday, March 15; 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20; and 11 a.m. on Monday, March 25

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



Scan the QR code to access the Cerritos TV3 page.

Calendar of Events

- March 1 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 15. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- March 3 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on March 9, 16, 23 and 30.
- March 4 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 11, 18 and 25. Contact Richard Taylor at (323) 712-0392.
- March 5 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 12, 19 and 26. Contact Katie Yen at (562) 833-6711.
- **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 12, 19 and 26. 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 March 12, 19 and 26. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- March 6 • **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.
- **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m. Also on March 19. 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos.
- March 7 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on March 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 March 14, 21 and 28. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
- **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 14, 21 and 28. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.
- **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also March 14, 21 and 28. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
- **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 6:30 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower. Also on March 21, 6 p.m.
- March 10 • **Daylight Saving Time begins**
- March 12 • **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.
- March 13 • **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m. Also on March 27. Contact Mary Ann Tipton for location at (562) 706-2881.
- March 14 • **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 March 28. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.
- March 20 • **Community Safety Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- March 21 • **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.
- March 26 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- March 28 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- March 27 • **Let Freedom Ring Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Heritage Park.
- March 31 • **Library closed**

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Program fights fraud, notifies homeowners

In an effort to ensure accuracy and protect property owners from real estate fraud, the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs offers an Enhanced Homeowner Notification Program, which notifies residential property owners throughout Los Angeles County when documents are recorded against their property.

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 on 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.

Interested property owners can opt-in for e-notification at dcbalacounty.gov/portfolio/homeowner-notification-program/. The service emails owners within two days of a document's recording and follows up with a hard copy of the document in the mail. ■

Homeowners' Exemption program provides property tax savings

The Los Angeles County Assessor's Office Homeowners' Exemption (HOX) program reduces the assessed value of a home or condo by \$7,000 for tax purposes, which translates to a reduction of \$70 annually to a homeowner's property tax bill.

The property must be the owner's principal place of residence as of January 1, and an application must be submitted in order for a homeowner to qualify. An application received after February 15 is prorated for that year, but the homeowner will receive the full amount the following years. The savings will continue until a change is recorded.

For more information or to request an application, call (213) 974-3211 or (888) 807-2111. Applications also are available at assessor.lacounty.gov/exemptions/homeowner-exemption. ■

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