

The Cerritos News

Mark the City's 68th anniversary at the Spring Fling

Cerritos' annual Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular on Saturday, April 27 celebrates the City's 68th 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 cerritoslibrary.us/about-the-library/local-history.

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



Scan the QR code to learn more about the history of the City of Cerritos.

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 will be available starting Monday, April 8. The Summer Session will run from Monday, June 17 through Saturday, August 3.

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.

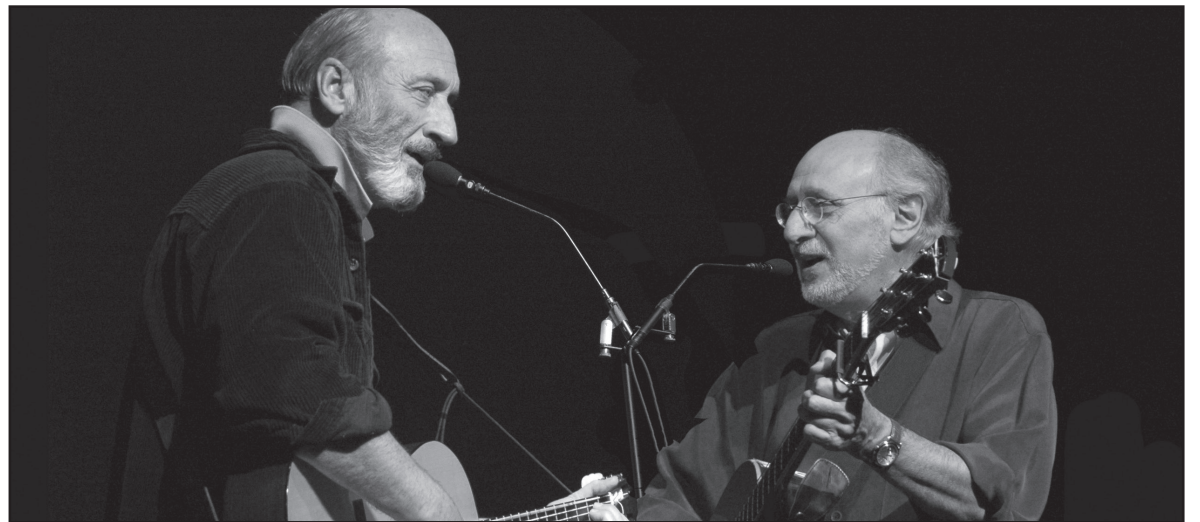
Applications will be available at the Circulation Desk. For more information, call (562) 916-1338 or email volunteer@cerritos.us. Cerritos Library is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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 in the Recreation section of the City's website at cerritos.us 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. ■

CCPA April lineup filled with Broadway and music legends



Peter Yarrow & Noel Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul, and Mary fame sing legendary Folk hits at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, April 27.

A Broadway musical, an award-winning drum ensemble and big band orchestras are just a few acts in store for April at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA).

The month opens with "Little Women: The Broadway Musical," based on Louisa May Alcott's American classic about the adventures of sisters Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March, each determined to live life on her own terms. The Broadway Series production embodies the complete theatrical experience, leaving audiences filled with a sense of adventure, joy, heartache and a lifting of the spirit. Tickets start at just \$49 for the show, which runs Friday, April 5 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 6 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m.

Get ready for "Oasis in the Sun Tour" featuring Pablo Cruise and Jim Messina on Friday, April 12. Cruise soared to the Top 10 with the mega hits "Whatcha Gonna Do When She Says Goodbye?" and "Love Will Find a Way." The group appeared on "Dick Clark's American Bandstand" and "The Merv Griffin Show" and became the first Rock band to grace the stage at the Grand Ole Opry. Guitarist Messina, who played with the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame band Buffalo Springfield, was half of the Soft-Rock duo Loggins and Messina with Grammy winner Kenny Loggins. Messina's acclaimed albums include "Messina," "One More Mile" and "In the Groove." Tickets for the 8 p.m. show start at \$49.

Catch two of music's hottest acts in action on Saturday, April 13. Grammy winner Chubby Checker's



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

smash hit "The Twist" was named the No. One song of all time for the Billboard Hot 100 music chart. The Rock & Roll Hall of Famer's other hits are "Pony Time," "The Hucklebuck," "Twist It Up" and "Knock Down the Walls." Opening the show is Gary Lewis & The Playboys, who racked up a slew of Top 10 songs on the Billboard charts, including "This Diamond Ring," "Count Me In," "Save Your Heart for Me" and "Everybody Loves a Clown." Tickets for the 8 p.m. show start at \$49.

"The highly acclaimed debut of Drum Tao in Broadway will represent not only Japanese entertainment but Japan itself," hailed "Newsweek." Enjoyed by more than 9 million fans worldwide, the award-winning ensemble Drum Tao is marking its 30th anniversary with phenomenal performances and unique melodies that merge "Wadaiko" drums with Japanese flutes and harps in what is being called the "Japanese Entertainment" for a new generation. The "Chicago Tribune" heralded Drum Tao's "extraordinarily talented percussion artists, and seductive, alluring performers." This Director's Pick show takes the stage on Sunday, April 14 at 7 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$38.

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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.

January 25, 2024

- Continued the local emergency concerning a gas-line leak from a privately owned existing pipeline on the Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course as proclaimed in Resolution No. 2023-05, at the Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course and the nearby City property within the C-4 well site; and
- Made the findings set forth in Sections 1 through 8 of Resolution No. 2023-05, and incorporated by reference those findings, as they relate to the continued existence of a local emergency as specified; and
- Directed staff to provide a report to the City Council regarding the local emergency at least once every 60 days, pursuant to Section 8630(c) of the California Government Code, until the City Council terminates the local emergency.
- Awarded a contract to Hartzog & Crabill, Inc. for annual traffic engineering services in the City of Cerritos, RFP No. 1525-23 for a 12-month term, with provisions for four 12-month extensions, and rejected the other proposals.
- Awarded a contract to Willdan Engineering for annual civil engineering services in the City of Cerritos, RFP No. 1526-23, for a 12-month term, with provisions for four 12-month extensions, and rejected the other proposals.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2024-05, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos accepting an easement deed for public utility purposes from

CBG Investment Property and Ronald W. Gregoire Family Trust, owners of the property located at 11011 South Street, Cerritos, CA 90703 (APN 7038-013-018); and

- Authorized the City Clerk to record the easement documents.
- Directed staff to work with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to determine an alternative or best use of a \$4.4 million grant that was previously awarded to the City for the purchase of zero emission transit buses in support of fixed-route transit operations, including the purchase of “green” vehicles and/or use in support of a micro-transit service, and provide an update to the City Council accordingly;
- Directed staff to establish parameters for amending the existing Cerritos on Wheels (COW) fixed-route service, in pursuit of a micro-transit demand-response COW service available to the general public, and maintain a separate demand-response Dial-A-Ride service for transportation of Cerritos seniors and persons with disabilities; and
- Directed staff to solicit proposals for contract services for the implementation of a micro-transit demand-response COW service available to the general public City-wide with access to the Metro Green “C” Line and Metrolink stations in the city of Norwalk, as well as a separate micro-transit demand-response Dial-A-Ride service for Cerritos seniors and persons with disabilities.
- Reviewed and considered Budget Study Session No. 1 – Updating the Cerritos City Council on the status of the City’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 budget preparation process, and considering potential objectives for achieving the City Council’s

priority goals for the upcoming fiscal year and inclusion in the FY 2024-25 Combined Financial Program.

- Approved the proposed updates to the titles for Goals 1 and 2, the proposed goal descriptions, and the proposed objectives with their corresponding funding allocations for incorporation into the FY 2024-25 Budget.
- Directed staff to complete the process to develop a business plan and complete high-speed broadband implementation as soon as possible (Goal 4, Objective 1), at a cost of up to \$15 million and begin the installation of conduit at the Cerritos Towne Center prior to July 1, 2024.

February 8, 2024

- Approved the recommendation by the Cerritos Planning Commission to waive full reading of and introduce Ordinance No. 1043, an ordinance of the City of Cerritos amending Title 22 of the Cerritos Municipal Code relating to the regulation of body art businesses in the City of Cerritos, referenced as Development Code Amendment 2024-1.
- Approved a one-time waiver of City Policy 7.06 – Naming and Renaming of City Facilities and name the hallway at the entrance of the main theater at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts in honor of former City Manager Art Gallucci.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2024-06, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos in support of the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station deputies, and
- Directed staff to distribute a signed letter of appreciation to each Cerritos Sheriff’s Station deputy, as set forth in the agenda report associated with this item.

CCPA April lineup

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In 1984, music fans flocked to the mega-hit “I Ran (So Far Away)” by A Flock of Seagulls. The English New Wave band followed with the Top 40 songs “Wishing (If I Had a Photograph of You),” “Telecommunication” and “Space Age Love Song.” Opening the show is Men Without Hats, which told the world, “You can dance if you want to” back in 1982 – and the world did. The Pop group’s hits include “The Safety Dance” and “Pop Goes the World.” The icons play at the CCPA on Friday, April 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at just \$44.

Peter, Paul and Mary shook up the 1960s music scene with socially conscious Folk hits, earning five Grammys and numerous Gold and Platinum albums. In 2006, Peter, Paul and Mary received the Songwriters Hall of Fame’s “Lifetime Achievement” Award. On Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m., singers Peter Yarrow and Noel Paul Stookey celebrate the legendary trio’s hits, including “If I Had a Hammer,” “Blowin’ in the Wind,” “Puff (The Magic Dragon),” “I Dig Rock & Roll Music” and “Leaving on a Jet Plane.” Tickets start at \$45.

The CCPA pays “Tribute to the Count Basie and Duke Ellington Orchestras” on Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m. It’s an afternoon dedicated to two of the very best Big Band orchestras in one show featuring an all-star cast. Singer Gina Eckstine, television star Mary Lou Metzger and Sebastian Anzaldo singing the many hits of Frank Sinatra will dazzle in the first part of the show. The Hall of Fame group The Mills Brothers will perform the hits “Paper Doll,” “Up a Lazy River” and more. Singer Eddie Wakes will also be featured. The concert also highlights The Don Clarke Orchestra.

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

Gratitude for Sheriff’s Deputies

The Cerritos City Council recently adopted a resolution expressing its appreciation and support for officers assigned to the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station.

Acknowledging the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s staffing shortages, escalating hazards against police personnel and the difficulty in recruiting dedicated law enforcement officers, the City Council expressed the importance of the department’s role in maintaining public safety. The City Council recognized the individual sacrifices of Deputies who continuously put themselves in harm’s way and are often forced to make split-second decisions that could have life-altering consequences.

A signed letter of appreciation from the City Council was issued to each Cerritos Sheriff’s Station Deputy. ■

Shop Cerritos website redesigned

The City of Cerritos is proud to announce the newly designed Shop Cerritos website, which launched on Tuesday, February 20.

The website features all the popular Cerritos shopping destinations, including restaurants, stores and other retail options.

Visit shopcerritos.com or shop.cerritosca.gov to view the new design. ■



Scan the QR code to visit the Shop Cerritos website.

Check out the Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase

The Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase celebrating the City’s 68th anniversary will be cablecast on Cerritos TV3 at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 26; Saturday, April 27; and Sunday, April 28. 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. ■

City’s Memorial Day Ceremony set for May 27

The City of Cerritos invites the community to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27 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 Participation Division at (562) 865-8101. ■

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.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 **Mon., Apr. 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Mon., 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. Space is limited to 35 participants.

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

12755	Thurs., Apr. 18
12756	Thurs., Apr. 25
12757	Thurs., May 2

SIMPLYCS INTRODUCTION TO WEB DEVELOPMENT

SimplyCS is a student-led organization that aims to introduce computer science to schoolchildren. SimplyCS's 5-week Introduction to Web Development course provides engaging and hands-on lessons to

build a foundational understanding of web development. Space is limited to 20 participants. No class on May 3.

12758	Fri., Apr. 5-May 10	5 p.m.
	Ages 10-14	Hi-Tech Lab

UPCYCLED CRAFT

Join us and create an upcycled craft for Earth Day. Space is limited to 20 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.

12759	Mon., Apr. 8	5-6 p.m.
	Ages 7-10	Art Studio

STORYTIME & PETTING ZOO

Join us for animal stories, songs, crafts and a petting zoo. A parent or guardian must accompany children into the petting zoo. Space is limited to 60 participants.

12760	Thurs., Apr. 11	3:30-5 p.m.
	Ages 3-10	Little Theater

3D PRINTING CLASS

Explore the basics of 3D printing using TinkerCad to create spring-related projects. Space is limited to 10 participants. All participants must have a TinkerCad account.

12761	Tues., Apr. 16	4-5 p.m.
	Ages 9-12	Hi-Tech Lab

BOOKMARK ART CONTEST

Participants will create a bookmark design based on this year's Summer Reading Program theme: "Read for the Gold." One design will be selected and printed on a bookmark to be given as a prize during the Summer Reading Program. Children will have two sessions to complete their design. Space is limited to 24 participants.

12762	Thurs., & Fri., Apr. 18 & 19	4-5 p.m.
	Ages 9-15	Art Studio

BIRD FEEDER CRAFT

Participants will build and decorate a small bird feeder. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 18 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.

12763	Thurs., Apr. 25	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Art Studio

DISCOVERY CUBE BUZZY BEES

Students will explore the fascinating world of insects! Children will examine the anatomy of bees and discover some of their amazing adaptations. Space is limited to 20 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.

12764	Fri., Apr. 26	3:30 p.m.
	Ages 5-7	Art Studio

GIRL SCOUTS CHILDREN'S DAY CRAFTS

Celebrate Japan Children's Day with local Girl Scout Corinne Osato. Children will learn about Japanese culture while completing fun crafts, such as making a small koinobori and creating an origami samurai helmet. These crafts are traditional symbols of Children's Day. All materials will be provided. Space is limited to 20 participants.

12773	Wed., May 1	5-6 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Art Studio

STAR WARS PAINT PARTY

Use the force and a paintbrush to create a scene from the Star Wars story. Space is limited to 18 participants.

12765	Thurs., May 2	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Art Studio

Star Wars Celebration on Fri., May 3

Join us for a fun-filled Star Wars Celebration and enjoy activities, coloring, crafts and more.

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.

12766	3:30-4:00 p.m.	Ages 8 and Under	Little Theater
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LIGHTSABER CRAFT

(Space is limited to 24 participants)

12767	(Pre-registered/Session 1)	4:00 p.m.	Art Studio
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12768	(Pre-registered/Session 2)	4:30 p.m.	Art Studio
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LIGHTSABER TRAINING

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

12769	5-5:30 p.m.	Ages 8-12	Skyline Room
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THE FORCE EXPERIENCE

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
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STAR WARS DRAWING CLASS FOR KIDS

Children will learn how to draw two popular Star Wars characters. Space is limited to 15 participants.

12770	6-6:30 p.m.	Ages 5-8	Art Studio
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FINDING DARTH VADER: SUN., APR. 28-SAT., MAY 4

Attention: Help the Rebel Alliance stop Darth Vader from invading the Cerritos Library. Every day he is moving and hiding 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.

MOTHER'S DAY CARD

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

12771	Mon., May 6	5-6 p.m.	Ages 8-12	Art Studio
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FREESTYLE FLORAL ARRANGING WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS

Sheena Langub of Rooted Harmony will teach basic skills of traditional and Japanese floral arranging styles. A miniature vase arrangement and a freestyle Ikebana design will be the main focus of the course. Fee is \$5. No refunds. Space is limited to 15 participants.

12772	Wed., May 8	6-7 p.m.	Ages 18 & Over	Skyline Room
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The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

GEOGRAPHIC LITERACY WRITING WORKSHOP

Poet Mike Sonksen and writer D. J. Waldie will give a presentation about the California State Parks and geographical spaces. 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., Apr. 8 6 p.m.
Ages 13 & Over Skyline Room

RANCHO LOS CERRITOS BULBS OF CALIFORNIA

California is home to over 200 species of native bulbs. Marie Barnidge-McIntyre continues her discussion of the most delightful flowers that bloom in the spring. 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.

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

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

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

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "Solito" by Javier Zamora.

Wed., Apr. 17 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

SEED GERMINATION PROGRAM

UC Master Gardener Kay Begum will present information about seed germination and how to breathe new life into your garden. 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. 18 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

SHIFTING GEARS: HOW THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY IS RESPONDING TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Join us as representatives from the Petersen Automotive Museum explore environmental challenges in the automotive industry and proposed solutions from

multiple actors in the field. After the presentation, join us for a STEM-related activity.

Mon., Apr. 22 6 p.m.
10 and over Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "ROMAN HOLIDAY" (1953)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Roman Holiday," followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 118 minutes.

Thurs., Apr. 25 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

SEASONAL PRESERVES DEMONSTRATION

Learn how to make jam from scratch with fresh seasonal fruit! During this workshop, Chef Vina will show you how to prepare the fruit and make jam. 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.

Mon., Apr. 29 6 p.m.
18 and Over Skyline Room

Earth Month Celebration on Sat., April 20

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

STORYTIME

Join us for a special Earth Month-themed storytime.
Sat., Apr. 20 11 a.m. & noon
Ages 1-8 Little Theater

The following activities are for all ages and will take place at 11 a.m. outside the entrance to the Cerritos Library.

SEED BOMBING 101

Learn about seed bombs from UC Master Gardener Rebecca Perez and then create your own. While supplies last.

UC MASTER GARDENER

Learn planting tricks and tips with Master Gardener Kay Begum.

PLANET EARTH ROCKS!

Decorate and paint a rock for your garden. Add messages to your rocks to show your love for the planet. While supplies last.

RECYCLED FISH CRAFT

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

SUCCULENTS 101

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

OWL CRAFT

Join us as we create an owl using recycled magazines. While supplies last.

Library Exhibition

PHO-TANICA FLORALS, PAINTED WITH THE CAMERA

Cerritos Library is hosting a unique photo exhibit presented by photographer Steve Walag. This exhibition will be featured in the Library's Main Street through April 29.

POLLINATION INVESTIGATION: POSTER DISPLAY

Pollinators are an essential part of the natural world. Smithsonian Gardens is a key advocate for pollinators, educating millions of visitors on the wide diversity of pollinators and the types of plants that support them. The Pollination Investigation posters, a set of educational panels explaining the importance of understanding pollinators, their habitat and supporting pollinator health, will be on display through the month of April in support of the new Planted: Cerritos Seed Library.

PLANTED: CERRITOS SEED LIBRARY

Beginning in April 2024, Cerritos Library patrons will be able to check out seeds from our new Seed Library. The Seed Library will allow patrons to check out seeds for native California plants such as wildflowers, sunflowers and a pollinator mix of flowers. A variety of vegetable, fruit and herb seeds will also be available. We hope that this seed library will support community member's efforts to live healthier, sustainable lifestyles.

Seed Library Use

Seeds can be acquired by visiting the Library during regular business hours. The Seed Library is located near the Circulation Desk.

Patrons may checkout up to four seed packets per month. Patrons may keep the seeds and packets and do not have to return any items to the Library. Seeds can be checked out by any patron age 13 or older.

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.

Report potholes to Public Works

The recent heavy rains have caused potholes on streets throughout Cerritos.

City staff is tracking potholes 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, download the Request Cerritos app or call the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220. ■



Scan the QR code to report potholes using the Request Cerritos app.

Follow Cerritos on social media

Stay in the know with what's happening in the City of Cerritos and at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Follow us on Facebook @CityCerritos, on Instagram @city_of_cerritos, on LinkedIn @cityofcerritos, on YouTube @CityofCerritos and on X @CityCerritos to get the latest City updates. Go to cerritos.us/main/social_media.php for all the links. ■

Scan the QR code to stay connected and follow us on:



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WORKS

If you see something, say something.

(562) 860-0044



Promote safety with nightly routine

In an effort to curb residential burglaries, the Cerritos Community Safety Division and the Cerritos Sheriff's Station recommends the 9 p.m. routine.

The routine urges residents to:

- Remove valuables from cars
- Lock your doors (the house and your cars)
- 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 not 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.

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 safercerritos.com. ■



Scan the QR code to join the Cerritos Neighborhood Watch program.



Metro plans improvements to 605 Freeway at South Street

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

The project calls for adding 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 learn more about the Southbound I-605 South Street Off-Ramp Improvement Project.

Business Spotlight

Ken Inouye State Farm Insurance Agency

The Ken Inouye State Farm Insurance Agency was recently inducted into the City's Business Spotlight Program, which highlights local businesses that foster pride in the City's community and economy.

Since 1991, Ken Inouye State Farm Insurance Agency has served the Cerritos community with a wide variety of State Farm insurance and financial products, including home, condominium, automobile, renters, life and business insurance. State Farm is the largest property, casualty and auto insurance provider in the United States.

Ken Inouye State Farm Insurance Agency has a team of five licensed and qualified professionals with more than 100 combined years of experience.

The company is located at 11010 Artesia Boulevard in Cerritos. The phone number is (562) 865-5228.

City Recreation Leaders needed

The City of Cerritos is seeking motivated individuals to fill various Recreation Leader employee positions.

The 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.us. For more information, contact the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

See Carlsbad Flower Fields in full bloom

The City of Cerritos' Recreation Services Division is hosting an excursion to the Flower Fields at Carlsbad Ranch on Saturday, April 6.

For more than 60 years, this annual burst of giant Tecolote Ranunculus flowers blooming vibrantly across 55 acres has transformed the rolling hills of North San Diego County into a spectacular display of color and beauty, boldly announcing the arrival of spring in Southern California.

Tickets are \$66 for Cerritos residents and \$100 for

non-residents. Registration course # 12207 is available through the City's website. The Class Registration/RACER link is on the home page at cerritos.us. Participants can also take a wagon tour of the flower fields for an additional nominal fee. The bus will leave at 9:30 a.m. from Heritage Park and will return at approximately 3:30 p.m. Please arrive 15 minutes before departure time to complete the required waiver. Registration is non-transferable and no refunds will be given unless the trip is canceled by the City. ■

The excursion welcomes children age 8 and older. Those younger than 13 years of age must pay and be accompanied by a paying adult. For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■



Scan the QR code to register for the excursion on the RACER registration page.

TV3 Schedule: April

City Council and Commission Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10 (live), rebroadcasts: 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 11 and 7 p.m. on Monday, April 15

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

7 p.m. on Monday, April 29 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, May 3 and 10 a.m. on Monday, May 6

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3 (live), rebroadcasts: 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 4 and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10

Property Preservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7

Program Highlights

Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase 2024

7 p.m. on Friday, April 26; 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 27; and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 28

Mayor's Weekly 60

6 p.m. on Friday, April 5; 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 7; 4 p.m. on Monday, April 8; and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9

"Nothing Like It In The World" —

The Story of the Cerritos Auto Square

12 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3; 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 6; 11 a.m. on Friday, April 19; and 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23

CCPA Performances: Quinn Sullivan

8 p.m. on Monday, April 1; 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 6; and 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17

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 30 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on April 6, 13, 20 and 27.
- April 2 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 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 April 6, 13, 20 and 27. 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 April 9, 16 and 23. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- April 3 • **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.
- April 4 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on April 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 April 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 April 11, 18 and 25. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.
- April 5 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 19. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- April 7 • **Weekend community center hours change to 10 a.m.-8 p.m.**
- April 8 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on April 15, 22 and 29. Contact Richard Taylor at (323) 712-0392.
- April 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.
- April 10 • **City Council Mayoral Transition**, 7 p.m., Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.
- **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m. Also on April 24. Contact Mary Ann Tipton for location at (562) 706-2881.
- April 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 April 25. Contact Carmelita Tionsgon at (562) 305-7995.
- **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also April 18 and 25. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
- **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 6:30 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower. Also on April 25, 6 p.m.
- April 16 • **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m. 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos.
- April 18 • **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.
- April 24 • **68th Anniversary of the City's Incorporation**
- April 27 • **Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular Celebrating the City's 68th Anniversary**, 4-8:30 p.m., Cerritos Sports Complex.
- April 29 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- April 30 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.

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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 out-buildings 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. ■

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