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CELEBRATION!

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LA County Sheriff's Reserve Deputy Lou Ferrigno aka the original Incredible Hulk is pictured here at the "Calling All Superheroes" themed Annual Summer Safety Fair with bike raffle winners and City employee volunteer superheroes.

AN 'INCREDIBLE' SUMMER SAFETY FAIR

To provide important safety education and information to Commerce youth and their families the Commerce Public Safety Division hosted the "Calling All Super Heroes" Summer Safety Fair at Veterans Park, which featured actor and world champion bodybuilder Lou Ferrigno, the actor who played the "Incredible Hulk" in the original television series.

"Events like this are great for kids because safety is always important. This fair promotes safety first in Commerce and will help everyone have a great and SAFE Summer," said Ferrigno who also serves the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as a reserve Deputy Sheriff.

In addition to Ferrigno, there were nine city employee volunteer 'super heroes' patrolling the fair and taking pictures with children in attendance. The heroes were also the focus of the 'Super Hero Coloring Contest,' where children colored a picture of their favorite super hero for prizes.

More than 300 children attended the Fair and learned about bicycle safety, fire safety and water safety. Each child with a Commerce resident card was issued a Safety Station Card that they took to information booths where they learned about valuable safety information. Each child who got a stamp at all 10 safety stations received a free gift.

Organizations like the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Care Ambulance hosted information booths and presentations were provided on fire safety from the LA County Fire Department, child safety seats from California Highway Patrol Officer Luis Mendoza, disease prevention from LA County Department of Public Health, and youth fitness from Commerce Recreation Leader Ray Zamora III.

While there was plenty of safety education information for kids and their families there were other fun activities as well, including a super

hero dance contest, free gift giveaways and bicycle raffles.

The City would like to thank all of the businesses and organizations for their participation and sponsorship of the 2011 Annual Summer Safety Fair. The event sponsors were the Commerce Casino, AAHS Signs & Graphics, AMVAC Corporation, Brinks Home Security, California Highway Patrol, California Water, Care Ambulance, Commerce Industrial Council-CAER Group, Commerce Evening Lions Club, ComCat Volunteers, Dahdoul's Textiles, Del Taco, Cartoon Artist Ed Miles, DJ L.A. Ed, Gold's Gym, JDSU, L.A. County Human Services Association, L.A. City Victim's Assistance, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Martin's Bike Shop, Montebello Unified School District Police, Ozzie's Diner, Ruby's Diner and Southern California Edison. Company.

CITY BUDGET PROCESS CONTINUES

The City Council has continued to work toward balancing the City's budget.

In May the Council held a series of budget study sessions to review the proposed 2011/2012 budget which included recommended cuts for bridging the budget gap.

In those sessions Council approved \$508,704 of the proposed cuts, reducing the projected deficit to \$895,218.

Approved were reductions to park programs, part-time employee hours, civic and service club excursions, an industrial waste contract, the City election budget, employee development programs and in-house graphics, cable and information technology services.

Initially, the 2011/2012 general fund projected revenue was \$47,062,418 while the total projected appropriation was \$48,574,393 creating a shortfall of \$1,511,975.

With the inclusion of the following items and/or recommendations, the Council was charged with addressing a \$1,406,990 projected deficit: Budget Stabilization Fund \$500,000; Supplementary Retirement Plan Savings, \$500,000, Projected PERS Retirement Rate Increase \$410,545, Freezing the Employee Referral Specialist Position \$82,500, FY 09/10 Aquatorium Renovation (PT Hours) (\$54,000), FY 09/10 Community Safety Specialist Paid from COPS Grant (\$80,470), FY 09/10 Frozen Library Administrative Position - Unfrozen (\$77,500), State Take-Away (\$75,000) and Water Lease Revenue Re-Allocated to the Water Fund (\$280,000).

As Report to the People went to press, Council was in the process of studying the Capital Improvement Program budget, the Community Development Commission budget, the cost of employee benefits and proposed cuts to City departments that were still under consideration.

Council members are expected to adopt a 2011/2012 City budget in July.

4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

To celebrate the 4th of July the City of Commerce 51st Annual Independence Day Celebration is going to have plenty of activities for everyone in the whole family.

There will be cotton candy, carnival rides and games of skill at the Independence Day Carnival that begins on Friday, July 1 and runs for four days through to the day of the celebration on Monday, July 4.

On the day of the event, Commerce residents and the general public can burn off extra calories from the 4th of July weekend barbecues by participating in the Independence Day 5K Freedom Run at 8 am sharp. Get there early to register. For more information contact your local park.

Later in the day the City's patriotic celebration will be kicked off with the official opening cere-

monies at 2 pm with Miss Fourth of July/Miss Friendship Rocio Ulloa.

The celebration will feature live local entertainment with performers from the City's recreation programs, which include numerous dance performances from the Folklorico, tap and ballet, and modern dance classes.

There will also be plenty of American and ethnic foods

being served up by the City's civic organizations, which will include tacos, pozole and many other delicious dishes. Residents will also be eligible to enter raffles being held throughout the day for great prizes.

For more information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at (323) 887-4434.

Summer has officially arrived.

Inside this month's issue of the RTTP there's a lot of information about our summer programs and special events including our spectacular 4th of July fireworks program and community carnival at Rosewood Park. The Independence Day carnival takes place from July 1- July 4. A 5K-run and official ceremonies take place on July 4, with a fireworks show at 9 p.m. Come celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and our nation's liberty, freedom and equality. This is one of the City's biggest events so be sure to attend. Remember, City Hall and libraries will be closed on Monday, July 4 for Independence Day.

As each of you know, few cities offer as many activities for city residents as the City of Commerce. However, it isn't something to take for granted. To make certain the City can continue to provide the high quality programs and services residents expect, the City council has been meeting with all City departments to identify savings that will keep the most important programs intact. A series of budget study sessions were held in May and continued through June. The budget process was not easy as Council members had to close a \$1.4 million budget deficit. It was a difficult task and council members worked hard to protect City programs, services, and employees while maintaining the financial viability of the City. We expect to adopt a budget later this month.

As the Report to the People went to press, the California state budget deadline was fast approaching and the fate of California redevelopment agencies was still up in the air. Redevelopment agencies have been important to our City's success.

Redevelopment has made it possible for Commerce to create jobs, offer affordable housing and improve our streets and public facilities. Through redevelopment, we have revitalized our City and enhanced the quality of life for residents and businesses. We hope the combined efforts of cities and statewide agencies to save our redevelopment agencies prove successful.

Just a reminder that National Night Out will take place on August 2. Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate our efforts to prevent crime and keep our neighborhoods safe.

On behalf of the City Council, we wish everyone a happy and safe Independence Day. And during this holiday, let's also remember our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq, our veterans, and our active service people who safeguard the freedoms we hold dear.

Sincerely,
Jorge Rifá



MUNICIPAL NOTES

COMMERCE PROCLAIMS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

To celebrate the hard work of and dedication of the many public works professionals throughout North America who operate, build and maintain our water, sewers, streets, public buildings, solid waste collection, parkway trees, street sweeping and street lights, the Commerce City Council proclaimed May 15-21 National Public Works Week in the City of Commerce.

This year's theme is "Public Works: Serving Your Community," to illustrate the continued commitment and dedi-

cation of our public works professionals to the residents and communities they serve, work or live in.

These professionals include the City's Public Services and Parks and Recreation Department employees who maintain Commerce's city facilities.

The City of Commerce proudly acknowledges these public works/services professionals whom we depend on for the health, safety and quality of life provided by the projects and facilities for which they are responsible.

DEL TACO INVITES CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING

Residents were excited to "Spin and Win" for prizes and food on Saturday, May 7th, at the Grand Opening of the new Del Taco located at 6126 E. Washington Boulevard (photos on page 6).

The Los Angeles Lakers Girls and POWER 106 were at the opening to get residents pumped up by dancing and playing games while residents enjoyed great food.

"We were excited to have the community in our store and trying our food. We hope to see all the residents become fans of Del Taco," said Del Taco General Manager Juan Cruz.

Miss Commerce, Lesly Mendez, and her royal court also assisted at the event, passing out coupons and

great giveaways to the residents. "This was a fun grand opening! I enjoyed the music, games, and raffles and had a great time with the royal court and people from our community. I will definitely be coming by with my family and friends again. The food is great, staff is friendly, it's open 24 hours and it's right here in Commerce!" said Mendez.

In addition to serving great food and providing outstanding service, Del Taco in Commerce also offers fundraising opportunities for non-profit organizations. For more information, please contact Janis Vanderweel at (714) 334-0085.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Regular Meeting of May 3

- Presented award certificates and prizes to the Library Services Department's Fourth Annual children's Drawing and Essay Contest winners.
- Proclaimed May 15-21 as National Transportation Week.
- Declared four Medi-Vans surplus and authorized staff to donate one to the Beverly Hospital, two to the Sister City Association-who will in turn donate it to the Commerce's Sister City of Aquascalientes; and to sell one at auction.
- Adopted the following financial policies--cash receipts and refunds policy, centralized purchasing filing system policy, handwrite check issuance policy, professional service request policy, time keeping policy and revised procurement card policy.
- Approved an agreement with Candy Amusements to host a carnival at Rosewood Park during the City's Independence Day Celebration, from July 1 to July 4.
- Approved an agreement with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. for fireworks at the City's Independence Day Celebration on July 4th.
- Approved a resolution adopting a sewer system management plan to comply with the State Water Resources Control Board's statewide general waste discharge requirements and monitoring and reporting program.
- Ratified an exchange agreement between the Commerce Casino and the Community Development Commission which would allow the City to purchase the Spur property from the Casino and the Casino to purchase the property at 2301 Tubeway from the Commission. The purchase of the Spur property was required in order for the Commission to complete the land acquisition needed to create the Urban Entertainment Center.
- Approved closing the Senior Center on Sundays.
- Approved design enhancements to the City of Commerce 26th Street Metrolink Station Improvement Project.
- Amended the Commerce Municipal Code regarding skateboarding violations. Changed the fees charged and the list of prohibited devices.
- Approved a letter opposing State Senate Bill 701 which impacts groundwater management and groundwater producers by diluting the authority and role of the Water Replenishment District and creating a parallel water management role for the Central Basin Municipal Water District.

- Received and filed a report on the I-710 Local Advisory Committee.

Regular Meeting of May 17

- Conducted a candle lighting ceremony honoring men and women who serve in the U.S. Armed Forces and a memorial ceremony to honor those killed or missing in action. The ceremonies coincide with Armed Forces day and Memorial Day.
- Honored Commerce Teen Center teens who volunteered for the Ronald McDonald House. Proclaimed May 15 – May 21 as National Public Works Week
- Approved a resolution amending the Commerce Fee Schedule to allow non-residents to reserve the picnic shelters at Bandini and Bristow parks in advance.
- Approved a resolution amending sections of the Commerce Municipal Code Traffic Bail Schedule.
- Approved a resolution accepting the work performed by Rodriguez Construction for refurbishment of the Rosewood Park picnic shelters.
- Approved an amendment between the Community Development Commission and SCS Engineers for removal of a waste water clarifier at the Commission-owned property at 5901 Telegraph Rd. Received and filed an updated report on the Rosini and Rosewood Street Improvement Project pavement failures.
- Appointed John Areno, Senior Vice President of Haeger Industrial, to the I-710 Community Advisory Committee.

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CERT TRAINING

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CERTIFICATION FROM THE LA COUNTY FIRE DEPT.



Community Emergency Response Team training is available from the Los Angeles County Fire Department

What exactly is a CERT Member? A CERT Member is trained to prepare for disasters and provide response after a disaster affecting their neighborhood

Who can join the CERT Program? Anyone 18 years or older who is interested in helping his or her neighborhood

to prepare for a disaster and provide assistance after a disaster.

What type of training do CERT Members receive? The L.A. County Fire Department will train CERT Members on how to care for themselves, their families and neighborhoods. Training includes: Disaster Preparedness, Fire Suppression, Medical Operations, Damage Assessment, Light Search & Rescue, Team Organization, Disaster Psychology and Disaster Simulation.

To sign up for CERT training, call Assistant Emergency Preparedness Officer Miguel Romero at (323) 887-4460 ext. 2809.

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FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

USE CAUTION WITH SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS



Commerce residents are invited to attend the Independence Day Fireworks Show that begins at 9 p.m. on, July 4, at Rosewood Park.

Residents who plan to purchase fireworks are advised to use caution when using "Safe and Sane" fireworks at home.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department offers the following tips for the safe use of "Safe and Sane" fireworks:

- Always read directions and use common sense

- Have an adult present
- Use outdoors only—away from buildings, vehicles dry grass and other flammable objects
- Light one at a time, then move away quickly
- Keep others at a safe distance
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Never alter or take apart fireworks
- Do not give to young children under any circumstances
- Have a bucket of water handy for emergencies and for dousing misfired and spent fireworks
- Never attempt to re-light or fix malfunctioning fireworks
- Remember: Any fireworks that explode, rise in the air or move about the ground or any fireworks which are not approved and labeled "Safe and Sane" by

the State Fire Marshal, are illegal in California.

Be Sparkler Smart

The National Council on Fireworks Safety urges Americans to be Sparkler Smart this 4th of July and offers the following safety tips:

- Children under the age of 12 should not use sparklers without very close adult supervision.
- Always remain standing while using sparklers.
- Never hold a child in your arms while using sparklers.
- Never hold, or light, more than one sparkler at a time.
- Sparklers and bare feet can be a painful combination. Always wear closed-toe shoes when using sparklers.
- Sparkler wire and stick remain hot long after the flame has gone out. Be sure to drop the spent sparklers directly in a bucket of water.
- Never hand a lighted sparkler to another person. Give them the unlit sparkler and then light it.
- Always stand at least 6 feet from another person while using sparklers.
- Never throw sparklers.
- Show children how to hold sparklers away from their body and at arm's length.
- Teach children not to wave sparklers, especially wooden stick sparklers, or run while holding sparklers.

Have a safe and sane 4th of July!

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR FLYER?

CITY NEEDS RESIDENT HELP TO EVALUATE FLYER DELIVERY SERVICE

The City of Commerce is evaluating the service of the company that hand delivers City flyers announcing our events and activities. The last flyer distributed announced the Commerce 4th of July carnival.

If you did not receive this flyer, please call the Public Information Office at (323) 887-4453. Your feedback will help us to improve our distribution.

95 DEGREE RULE

GET RELIEF FROM SUMMER HEAT

Summer's high temperatures can pose health risks, especially to individuals who do not have access to air conditioning or other cooling resources.

The City of Commerce reminds residents that air-conditioned City facilities can provide much needed relief from the scorching days of summer.

When the temperature is 95 degrees and above, residents can cool off at Commerce community centers, libraries, the Aquatorium, swim pools and spray pools during regular business hours.

The Parks and Recreation Department will also initiate the following procedures:

- 1.The age limit of 11 years and younger for the park spray pools with the exception of the Aquatorium

will be waived for individuals over the age of 11 that need immediate cooling measures.

- 2.Park Spray Pools will remain open until 6 pm.
- 3.The Parks will be playing family movies during operational hours and providing chilled water.
- 4.Sports Programming and outdoor activities will be curtailed to early morning or early evening times when temperatures aren't as extreme. In addition, the Department curtails sports and outdoor activities when the air quality exceeds the moderate level.

View the hours of operation for Commerce park facilities and libraries on the City's website at: www.ci.commerce.ca.us.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

IMPROVE AIR Quality



Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Did you know that driving 10,000 miles per year in a car getting 25 miles per gallon, emits 8,000 lbs. of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere?

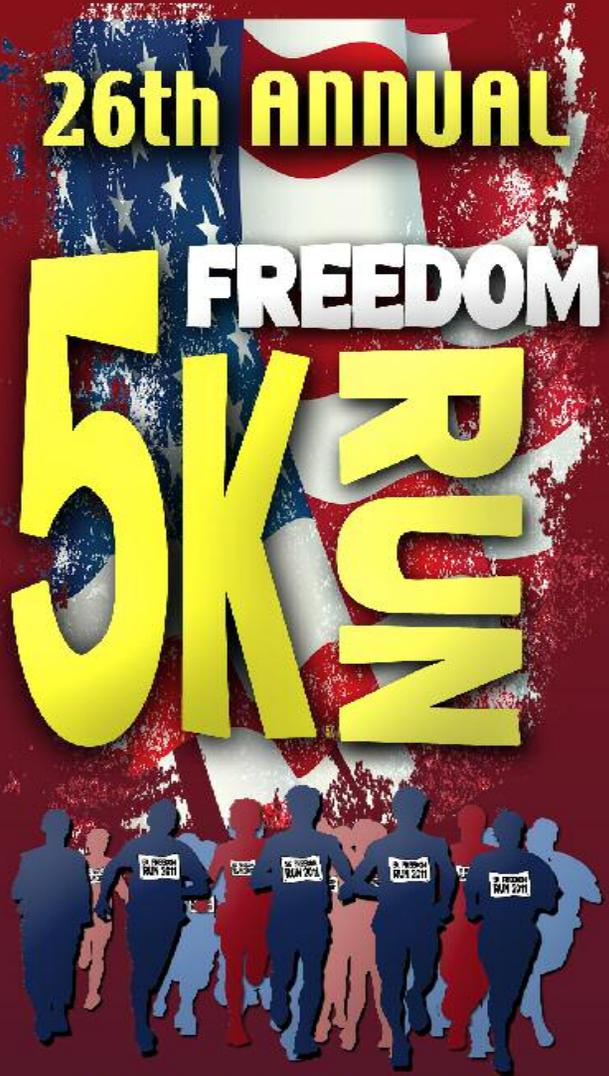
Household appliances also affect the environment, since electricity is one of the biggest producers of carbon emissions.

Carbon dioxide is emitted from using energy. Reducing a carbon footprint is a good way to reduce smog-forming pollutants, emissions of toxic compounds, and also helps save money.

Help reduce pollution by doing the following:

- Share a ride. Use mass transit, ride a bike, vanpool, carpool, or walk to work or school.
- Use less energy. Turn off your computer, television, and lights when not in use. Unplug telephone chargers and other electronics.
- Replace old appliances with Energy Star ones.
- Think green when buying a car.
- Recycle.
- Reduce paper use.
- Save water.
- Use fewer disposable items. Reuse tote bags for groceries.
- Buy local goods when possible to reduce travel.

Many small actions can make a big difference.



26th ANNUAL FREEDOM 5K RUN

JULY 4, 2011

General Information

Time
6:30-7:45 a.m. Late registration
5k run begins at 8:10 a.m. sharp!

Location
Commerce City Hall, 2535 Commerce Way
(registration & Finish point)

Course
Rosewood Park residential area. Entries can run,
walk. Approx. 3.2 miles.

Awards
Trophies awarded to overall male and female, first
place finishers. Medals will be presented to males
and females placing 1st, 2nd & 3rd (runners and
walkers combined) in age categories 8 & under,
9-10, 11-13, 14-17, 18-22, 23-25, 26-28, 29-31, 32-
35, 36-39, 40-45, 46-50, 51-55, 56-60, 61-65, 66 &
over.

Entry Fee
Free to all residents and industrial residents of Com-
merce with a current activity card. (t-shirt not in-
cluded) Pre-registration \$15.00 for non-residents
(includes t-shirt). Late registration \$20.00. Memorable
event t-shirts and tank tops will be on sale on race
day at \$8.00 each.

Entry Deadline Monday, June 27, 2011
Entry forms can be mailed to:
City of Commerce, Dept. of Parks & Recreation
2535 Commerce Way
Commerce, CA 90040

**Late registration will be accepted from
6:30 - 7:45 a.m. on day of event.**

For more information and to volunteer
Contact Frank Garcia, Event Coordinators
at (323) 722-4805, ext. 4432

LIBRARY NEWS

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Commerce Scholarship Update

This year's Commerce Scholarship has 48 recipients who are invited to the Commerce Scholarship Awards Dinner on July 28.

Children's Summer Reading Program

As part of the "One World, Many Stories" Children's Summer Reading Program, the Commerce Public Library will be offering special storytimes during the summer months.

Storytimes are at 6 p.m. and take place on Mondays at the Central Library, Tuesdays at the Atlantic Branch, Wednesdays at the Greenwood Branch, and Thursdays at the Bristow Park Branch.

The following are the Summer Reading Program Storytimes during the month of July:

Wild Wonders Animal Show

The week of July 11th-14th, will feature Wild Wonders Animal Show, a live animal show featuring exotic animals.

One World, Many Colors



Week of July 25: Flights of Fantasy Storytellers
Flights of Fantasy presents lively story theatre presentations of multi-cultural folk tales and fables. Each show uses a dazzling display of masks, props and costumes to bring the stories to life. Two professional actors assemble a colorful set that acts as a backdrop for the wide variety of stories. The actors encourage audience participation as they banter with the crowd throughout the show and even invite some individuals on stage to take part in one of the stories. Humor, intelligence and a zany spontaneity combine to create a truly entertaining theatrical experience.

Preschool Storytime

Preschool Storytime is held at 11:00 a.m. every Friday at the Greenwood Branch.
For more information, call the Commerce Central Library at (323)722-6660.

Teen Summer Reading Program

As part of the "You are Here" Teen Summer Reading Program, the library will offer the following teen programs in the month of July, all starting at 4 pm:

Color Me Hacky Sack

Tuesday – July 5 – Greenwood Library
Wednesday – July 6 – Bristow Park Library
Thursday - July 7 – Atlantic Library

Tie Dye Shirts

Monday - July 18 – Central Library
Tuesday - July 19 – Greenwood Library
Wednesday - July 20 – Bristow Park Library
Thursday - July 21– Atlantic Library

Summer Wii Game Days

Monday – July 11 – Central Library
Wednesday– July 13 – Bristow Park Library
Monday – July 25 - Atlantic Library
Wednesday – July 27 - Greenwood Library

The Teen Summer Reading Program is open to youth in grades 6 -12. To sign up or for more information, call your local Commerce Library at one of the numbers below:

Atlantic Branch Library (323) 780-1176
Bristow Branch Library (323) 265-1787
Central Library (323) 722-6660
Greenwood Branch Library (562) 927-1516

YMCA PRESCHOOL FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

FREE WEEK OF PRESCHOOL FOR COMMERCE RESIDENTS

Preschool

YMCA Preschool provides a safe, nurturing environment for children to learn, grow and prepare for Kindergarten

Ages 2-5 Years

Preschool at the Y is about more than looking after children. It's about nurturing their development by providing a safe place to learn foundational skills, develop healthy, trusting relationships and build self-reliance through the Y values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Schedule

Our preschool is open from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. ,Monday through Friday. AM and PM half day enrollment options are also available.

Fees

Fees are based on the income of the family for those who apply for financial assistance. Families have many

affordable enrollment options to choose from.

MAOF, GAIN, DCFs, Crystal Stairs, Regional Center, and Cal Works:

Participants of these agencies are accepted and encouraged to enroll.

Free Week!

Undecided? Not sure if your child is ready? Let us introduce your family to our program by enrolling your child for a free week. Allow your child to experience our program for one week Free of charge. Non-potty trained children are welcome. Call to schedule your child's free week today! Offer is good while space is still available.

Please contact our qualified and experienced preschool staff at (323) 728-7380.

NEW DOLLAR MENU AT SNACK BARS

NEW VALUE MENU FEATURES SIX POPULAR ITEMS

To provide residents with low priced food selections the City of Commerce snack bars at Rosewood and Bristow Parks have rolled out a new dollar menu, which features six popular items.

These six items are nachos, French fries, chili cheese fries, milk, Ices and hamburgers. The lower prices are perfect for the afterschool crowd and the smaller portions are great for adults counting calories.

Residents are encouraged to visit the Rosewood or Bristow Park snack bar to try these new delicious food items from the City's new dollar menu.

There are still plenty of other options on the Snack Bar menu, including the taco and burrito plates on Wednesdays.

ARMED FORCES DAY CEREMONY

HONORS US MILITARY



Miss Commerce and members of the Royal Court with Commerce veterans at the Armed Forces Day Ceremony.

To honor the active duty members and veterans of the US Military, the City held the Annual Armed Forces Day Ceremony at the May 17 Commerce City Council Meeting.

Miss Commerce Lesly Mendez assisted the City Council with the Candlelight Ceremony where five candles were lit, one in honor of each branch of the United States Military.

The candle lighting was followed by a moment of silence in honor of all our soldiers that were killed or declared missing in action.

"We must always remember the sacrifices made by the members of the military. Without them we would not enjoy the freedom we have today," said Howard Hernandez, Commander of the Commerce Chapter of the American GI Forum.

The City honors the active duty members and veterans of the US Armed Forces every year at the Armed Forces Day Ceremony. The ceremony was coordinated by the Department of Parks and Recreation under the supervision of Director Jim Jimenez.

COMMERCE AQUATICS PROGRAM SCHEDULES

UPCOMING SCHEDULES FOR COMMERCE'S AQUATICS TEAMS

Girl's Water Polo

July 9-10
US Club Championships 12U & 14U @TBA

July 9-10
Foothill Tournament 16U & 18U @TBA

July 16-17
US Club Championships 14U, 16U, & 18U @TBA

July 23-24
John Hale 14U & 16U @TBA

July 30-31
LMU Tournament 16U & 18U @LMU

August 4-7
National Jr. Olympics @Orange County

Boy's Water Polo

July 8-10, 2011
LCWP International - 18 & Under Boys, Los Angeles CA
LCWP International - 16 & Under Boys, Los Angeles CA
US Club Championships - 10 & Under Boys, Inland Empire CA
US Club Championships - 12 & Under Boys, Inland Empire CA
US Club Championships - 14 & Under Boys, Inland Empire CA

July 15 - 17, 2011
US Club Championships - 16 & Under Boys, Northern CA (pending qualification in June)

July 22 - 24, 2011
Hale Invitational - 10 & Under Boys, Inland Empire CA

July 22 - 24, 2011
Hale Invitational - 12 & Under Boys, Inland Empire CA
Hale Invitational - 14 & Under Boys, Inland Empire CA

July 30 - August 2, 2011
USA Water Polo Junior Olympics - 10 & Under Boys, Orange County CA
USA Water Polo Junior Olympics - 12 & Under Boys, Orange County CA
USA Water Polo Junior Olympics - 14 & Under Boys, Orange County CA
USA Water Polo Junior Olympics - 16 & Under Boys, Orange County CA
USA Water Polo Junior Olympics - 18 & Under Boys, Orange County CA

August 5 - 7, 2011
State Games of America - 16 & Under Boys, San Diego CA

August 8 - 15, 2011
Hawaiian Invitational - 14 & Under Boys, Waikiki HI
Hawaiian Invitational - 18 & Under Boys, Waikiki HI

Swim Team Schedule

July 16-17 – La Mirada Swim Meet
July 28-31 – Summer Junior Olympics @ Santa Clarita
August 5-7 – State Games of America @ UC San Diego

For more information on these tournaments or any of the sports in the Commerce Aquatics Program, call the Aquatorium at (323) 887-4404.

CITY OF COMMERCE CHANNEL 3



July 2011 Featured Highlights

AWARD WINNING CABLECASTS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Live every 1st and 3rd Tues.)
Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Thursdays at 5 p.m.
& Saturdays at 9 a.m.

COMMERCE COMMUNITY 4TH OF JULY

Live Cablecast Celebration airing
12 pm to 10 pm on the 4th

Monday 10 a.m., Tuesday 3 p.m., Wednesday 5:30 p.m.,
Thursday 9 a.m., Friday 4:30 p.m., Saturday 6 p.m.
and Sunday 5:30 p.m.

COMMERCE CITY NEWS

4th of July Celebration, Preschool Graduation, YES Program, Library News and overview of the City Budget Process.

Mondays at 9 a.m., Tuesdays at 1:43 p.m.,
Wednesday at 1 p.m., Thursdays at 4 p.m.,
Friday at 9 a.m., Saturdays at 5:43 p.m.
& Sundays at 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.

COMMERCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS "LIBRARY SERVICES"

Mondays at 2 p.m., Tuesdays at 4 p.m.,
Wednesdays at 4 p.m., Thursdays at 6 p.m.,
Fridays at 4 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m.
& Sundays at 1 p.m.

STEP AEROBICS CLASS

Mondays at 8 a.m., Tuesdays at 2 p.m.,
Wednesdays at 2 p.m., Thursdays at 10 a.m.,
Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 12 p.m.
& Sundays at 8 a.m.

"IN A COUNCIL MINUTE"

Mondays at 5 p.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m.,
Wednesdays at 9 a.m., Thursdays at 2 p.m.,
Fridays at 2:43 p.m., Saturdays at 8 a.m.
& Sundays at 8 p.m.

TWILIGHT DANCE SERIES

"ANA TIJOUX" SANTA MONICA PIER CONCERT

Mondays at 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 11 a.m.,
Wednesdays at 9:43 p.m., Thursdays at 7 p.m.,
Fridays at 3 p.m., Saturdays at 1 p.m.
& Sundays at 11:43 a.m.

Channel 3 will play many different shows throughout the month of July 2011. Please see the ongoing Channel 3 TV Guide for more info on show titles and show broadcast times. Remember to check this channel for major emergency info and basic info on what's happening in the City. Channel 3 can be viewed anywhere in the world from our city web site at ci.commerce.ca.us. Thank you for your viewing support.

Report to the People **COMMERCE GALLERY**

RUBY'S DINER SUPPORTS SUMMER SAFETY



Ruby's Diner was a generous supporter of the Summer Safety Fair. Pictured here are members of Ruby's Diner staff with Summer Safety Fair attendees.

PERFECT LANDING



A Sheriff's Department helicopter carrying Summer Safety Fair guest Lou Ferrigno lands on the baseball field at Veterans Park.

BICYCLE RAFFLES



More than 30 bicycles were raffled off at the Annual Summer Safety Fair thanks to generous donations from local businesses.

FOUNDER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY



Valentina Bassett, Commerce's last surviving member of the 1959 Commerce Incorporating Committee celebrated her 90th birthday. She is pictured here with Children's Librarian Cynthia Bautista.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES MEETING



Commerce Education Commissioner Art Rivera and Council of Gateway Cities Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer discuss sustainable communities strategies that focus on transportation and housing plans for cities in the South East region. The COG meeting was held at the Commerce Senior Center in May.

TACO PARTY



Del Taco's grand opening drew large crowds of Commerce residents and featured radio station Power 106 and the Los Angeles Laker Girls.

LAKER GIRLS AT DEL TACO



Miss Commerce and the Royal Court were joined by the Los Angeles Laker Girls at the Commerce Del Taco's grand opening in May.

CHARTER BUSINESS WORKSHOP



Charter Communications recently held a business workshop for local businesses at the Commerce City Council Chamber.

HONORING MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY



Commerce resident and City employee Brandi Alvarez sings the National Anthem at the Armed Forces Day Ceremony held at the May 17 Commerce City Council Meeting.

AVID STUDENTS GIVE BACK



AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students from Bell Gardens High School cleaned the City's 50th Anniversary Banners so they can be presented to the individuals, organizations and local businesses that generously sponsored the Banner Program.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS



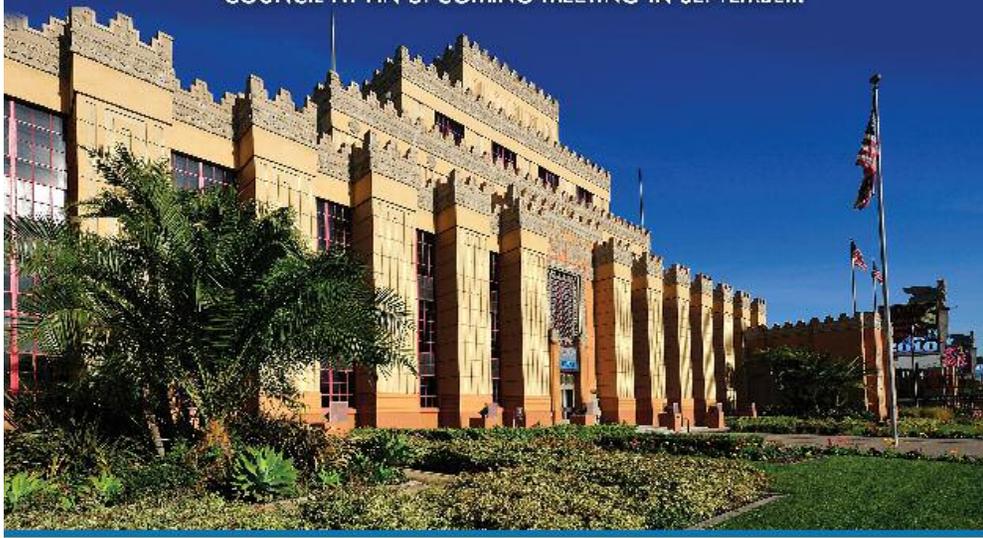
Teen volunteers from the Bristow Park Teen Club and The Teen Center Girl's Club were honored by the City of Loma Linda, San Bernardino County and the California State Senate for volunteering to assist with critically ill children at the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda.

CITY OF COMMERCE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

INVITES YOU TO ENTER THE 2011

HOME & BUSINESS OF THE YEAR CONTEST!

RETURN YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO CITY HALL BY JULY 25, 2011 THE CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL COMMERCE RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES THAT HAVE CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED THEIR PROPERTIES OR RECENTLY RENOVATED OR LANDSCAPED THE WINNING HOMEOWNER WILL RECEIVE A \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE, A PLAQUE, AND WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT AN UPCOMING MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
CITY OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AT
(323) 722-4805, EXT. 2329

"BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY THROUGH PARKS & RECREATION"

CITY OF COMMERCE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRESENTS

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Celebration

MONDAY, JULY 4, 2011
2:00 P.M. – 10:30 P.M.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

9:00 P.M.

ROSEWOOD PARK
5600 HARBOR STREET, COMMERCE

- OFFICIAL CEREMONY 3:00 P.M.
- ENJOY AMERICAN AND ETHNIC FOODS
- BACK FROM IRAQ ENTERTAINING OUR TROOPS "SOTO", LIVE ON STAGE
- FIRE CRACKER 500-CHILDRENS INTERACTIVE WACKY ENTERTAINMENT
- "COMMERCE'S GOT TALENT" WITH SURPRISE SPECIAL GUEST JUDGES
- OUR FAVORITE DANCE CLASS PERFORMERS
- OLD FASHION WAGON DECORATING CONTEST, PATRIOTIC MARCH, AND FAMILY PICNIC GAMES
- D.J. BOOGIE NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT SPINNING TILL 10:30 PM

MEET MISS 4TH OF JULY MISS FRIENDSHIP ROCIO ULLOA

The Commerce Community Services Department
Public Safety Division

Presents



TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

More than 1,600 people participated in last year's Nation Night Out Against Crime. This year you can join thousands of cities throughout the country to give crime a going away party! This year NNO will have 17 Neighborhood Watch Block Parties happening throughout the City

- First party kicks off at 4 pm at the Commerce Senior Center
- The other 16 parties will be held from 6:30 to 9 pm
- Free raffles at each party thanks to Target who has partnered with the City to sponsor this year's event
- A Block Captain Prep Meeting will be held on Wed. July 20

Parties will feature visits from The Sheriff's & Fire Departments, Community Safety Specialists, ComCat Volunteers, City Staff and the City Council

For more information, call the Public Safety Division at (323) 722-4805

GAMES FOOD FUN RIDES

CITY OF COMMERCE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

4TH OF JULY

CARNIVAL CELEBRATION

JULY 1 - 4, 2011

ROSEWOOD PARK
5600 HARBOR ST.
COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA

DISCOUNTED PRE-SALE WRISTBAND COUPONS AVAILABLE THRU JULY 1, 2011 UNTIL 9:00 P.M. AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION MONDAY – FRIDAY (8-8 P.M.) AND THE AQUATORIUM MONDAY – FRIDAY (8 – 7:30 P.M.) \$15.00 FOR WRISTBAND COUPONS – EACH WRISTBAND IS GOOD FOR UNLIMITED RIDES – ONE DAY ONLY. WRISTBANDS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE 4TH OF JULY. A NEW WRISTBAND IS REQUIRED FOR EACH DAY JULY 1-4. (COUPON MUST BE EXCHANGED AT CARNIVAL COUPON BOOTH FOR WRISTBAND *\$20.00 IF PURCHASED AT THE CARNIVAL)

DISCOUNTED PRE-SALE COUPON BOOKS AVAILABLE NOW THRU JULY 1, 2011 (5:00 P.M.) \$10 FOR A BLOCK OF 20 COUPONS. (\$17 FOR A BLOCK OF 20 COUPONS IF PURCHASED AT THE CARNIVAL)

CARNIVAL HOURS

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2011 5:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2011 12:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2011 12:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.
MONDAY, JULY 4, 2011 12:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.

*PRESALE WRISTBANDS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON JULY 4TH.
ONSITE WRISTBANDS WILL NOT BE SOLD ON JULY 4TH.

TICKET PRICES AT CARNIVAL

UNLIMITED RIDE WRISTBANDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FOR \$20.00 STARTING JULY 1ST AT 5:00 P.M. A BLOCK OF 20 COUPONS FOR \$17.00 AND A BLOCK OF 44 COUPONS FOR \$32 IF PURCHASED AT THE CARNIVAL. FOR INFORMATION ON PRE-SALE UNLIMITED RIDE COUPONS, CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION AT (323) 887-4434.

FIREWORKS SHOW ON THE 4TH OF JULY AT 9:00 P.M.

COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL



Joe Aguilar, Mayor
 Tina Baca Del Rio, Mayor Pro Tem
 Robert C. Fierro, Councilmember
 Lilia R. Leon, Councilmember
 Denise M. Robles, Councilmember

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SUMMER WATER SAFETY

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE THIS SUMMER



Swimming is the most popular summer activity. The best thing you can do to help your family stay safe this summer is to enroll in age-appropriate swim lessons. The Red Cross offers these safety tips whenever you are in, on, or around water:

1. Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
2. Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone. Even at a public pool or a lifeguarded beach, use the buddy system!

3. Ensure that everyone in the family learns to swim well. Enroll in age-appropriate water orientation and Learn-to-Swim courses.

4. Never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child's life to another child; teach children to always ask permission to go near water.

5. Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but don't rely on life jackets alone.

6. Establish rules for your family and enforce them without fail. For example, set limits based on each person's ability, do not let anyone play around drains and suction fittings; do not allow swimmers to hyperventilate

before swimming under water or have breath-holding contests.

7. Even if you do not plan on swimming, be cautious around natural bodies of water including ocean shoreline, rivers and lakes. Cold temperatures, currents and underwater hazards can make a fall into these bodies of water dangerous.

8. If you go boating, wear a life jacket! Most boating fatalities occur from drowning.

9. Avoid alcohol use. It impairs judgment, balance and coordination; affects swimming and diving skills; and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.



JULY DATES TO NOTE

1
Independence Day Carnival, Rosewood Park

Movie Night at the Park, Bristow Park
 Home/Business of the Year Applications Accepted

2 & 3
Independence Day Carnival, Rosewood Park

4
Independence Day Celebration And Carnival, Rosewood Park
 5K Run, Rosewood Park, 8 a.m.
City Hall and Libraries Closed

5
City Council/CDC, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
 Youth Advisory Commission, 7 p.m.

6
 Senior Citizens Commission, 12:30 p.m.
 Teen Book Club, Greenwood Library, 4:30 p.m.
 Traffic Commission, 6:30 p.m.

7
 Parks and Recreation Commission, 6 p.m.

8
 Movie Night at the Park, Rosewood Park

11
 English Book Club, 6 p.m.
 Education Commission, 6 p.m.
 Reading Program Performer, Central Library, 6 p.m.

12
 Beautification Committee, 3:30 p.m.
 Reading Program Performer, Atlantic Library, 6 p.m.
 I-710 Local Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m.

13
 Community Task Force, 3 p.m.
 Teen Book Club, Bristow Park Library, 4:30 p.m.
 Reading Program Performer, Greenwood Library, 6 p.m.

14
 Community Services Commission, 6 p.m.
 Reading Program Performer, Bristow Park Library, 6 p.m.

15
 Movie Night at the Park, Veterans Park

19
 Library Embajadores, 6 p.m.
City Council/CDC, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

20
 Employment Task Force, 1 p.m.
 Teen Book Club, Atlantic Branch Library, 4:30 p.m.

22
 Movie Night at the Park, Bandini Park

25
 Deadline to submit Home/Business of the Year applications
 Adult Computer Class, 5:30 p.m.
 Reading Program Performer, Central Library, 6 p.m.
 Spanish Book Club, 6 p.m.

26
 Teen Book Club, Central Library, 5:30 p.m.
 Reading Program Performer, Atlantic Library, 6 p.m.

26
 Library Commission, 5:30 p.m.
 I-710 Local Advisory Commission, 6:30 p.m.

27
 Reading Program Performer, Greenwood Library, 6 p.m.
 Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

28
 Reading Program Performer, Bristow Park Library, 6 p.m.

29
 Movie Night at the Park, Bristow Park

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