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Miss Commerce and the Royal Court at the Annual Garden Show, which was hosted by the Commerce Garden Club as part of the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

A CINCO DE MAYO TO REMEMBER

The community celebrated the victory of the Mexican Army over the French in the 1862 Battle of Puebla, as well as the achievements and contributions of Mexican culture at a memorable Commerce Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 5 at Rosewood Park. The event was hosted by the City of Commerce with financial support from Presenting Sponsor Union Pacific Railroad, who contributed \$7,500 and Boxing Show Sponsors Commerce Hyundai and Justman Packaging that contributed \$1,000 each.

This year's annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration also included two other annual events, the 'Kids Are Cute' Baby Show, which featured Commerce's most adorable kids and the

Commerce Garden Show, which was hosted by the Commerce Garden Club.

The day started with the Baby Show in which babies and toddlers received awards in categories like cutest smile, curliest hair and parent look-alike. The Garden Show was also held, featuring beautiful plants and flowers carefully cultivated throughout the year by members of the Commerce Garden Club.

"We hold the Garden Show every year to generate interest in cultivating plants and gardens, which bring beauty to our homes and our neighborhoods. We also try to recruit new Garden Club members," said a smiling Jose Zambrano who is President of the Commerce

Garden Club.

The event kicked off with the opening ceremonies and introductions from co-emcees Miss Cinco de Mayo Amanda Marie Alvarado and Cinco de Mayo Coordinator/Aquatics Supervisor Rachel Baltierra.

The ceremonies included the presentation of colors by the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts, a rendition of the National Anthem by Commerce resident and employee Oralia Rebollo, and the introduction of dignitaries, including resident Val Bassett who was a member of the Commerce Incorporating Committee. Numerous raffle drawings were also held for prizes, gift certificates and

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SUMMER FUN AT THE TEEN CENTER



Summer is here, which means there are going to be a wide variety of fun clubs, events and trips being held all summer long at the Teen Center.

The On Cue Performing Arts Group recently completed a successful theatre production of the Wizard of Oz (pictured above) at the Teen Center. The play can be viewed on the City's website at

www.ci.commerce.ca.us/mediacenter.aspx?CID=4. On Cue is open to Commerce pre-teens and teens and meets Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm to practice improv., games, vocal lessons, etc.

Other clubs include the Pre-Teen Club, the Teen Club, GirlOlogy, the Chef Club and Adventure Club.

Upcoming trips for Teens include the Adventure Club's Rock Gym Indoor Rock Climbing and lunch at the Beach trip on June 23 from 11 am to 5 pm. On July 13 is the Teen Night Out at Dodger Stadium, when our hometown team will be taking on the San Diego Padres. This trip will be held on Friday July 13 from 4:30 pm to 11:30 pm. Tickets are only \$30 and they include all you can eat hotdogs, nachos, popcorn, peanuts, soda and water. There will also be a fireworks show immediately following the game.

These teen activities are for teens 11years-high school seniors. For more information, call the Teen Center at (323) 264-4665.



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COUNCIL WORKS TO NARROW BUDGET GAP

The City Council is working on the 2012/2013 City budget, focused on narrowing a budget gap originally projected at approximately \$4 million. Bridging the gap poses a major challenge for council members in light of the elimination of redevelopment, which was a major revenue source for the City.

The sale of the City's unused water production rights to the city of Whittier for \$345,000, workforce reductions, higher

than expected sales tax, property tax and Card Club revenues, and the use of \$500,000 from the budget stabilization fund helped to minimize the financial impact caused by the dissolution of the Commerce Redevelopment Agency.

To help eliminate the deficit, the City Council reviewed 5 and 10 percent cuts proposed by City departments and approved \$728,000 in reductions

in May. The Council is still looking at employee and management concessions, program reductions, and the potential use of the City's reserve funds.

The Council will also seek ways to preserve housing programs and will consider purchases of capital outlay items such as, computer equipment, vehicles, desks and park equipment which have been on hold since the economic

recession began.

The Blue Ribbon Committee, which first met on May 8, assisted the City Council with the budget process by examining and recommending new revenue sources.

A 2012/2013 City budget is expected to be approved this month.

The City Council is nearly finished reviewing the 2012/2013 City Budget and are expected to approve it later this month. The Council worked diligently to close the budget deficit, which was originally projected at approximately \$4 million. With community input, the Council explored a number of options for reducing the deficit while doing their best to protect City programs, services, and employees. This year was the most difficult of the last three of deficit budgets due to Sacramento's elimination of redevelopment. For decades, redevelopment was a major source of revenue for the City and we are reeling from the effects of this loss.

With the end of the Commerce Redevelopment Agency, the City took formal action to assume the role of Successor Agency, responsible for winding down redevelopment operations and paying its debts. The state law ending redevelopment required the formation of an independent Oversight Board to oversee the Council as the Successor Agency in ending redevelopment. If this sounds complicated, it is but, it is not the Council's doing. The public is invited to attend Oversight Board meetings, scheduled for 5 p.m., the first Wed. of every month in the Council Chamber.

We are still awaiting the Senate's decision on Assembly Bill 1585, which would help our City preserve affordable housing funding, ensure loan repayments to provide local service and preserve the asset value of real property that needs to be sold or transferred. The bill was passed by the Assembly and we are hoping that the Senate passes it and the Governor signs it into law. We have discussions underway with Assembly Member Ricardo Lara to assist the City to keep our housing dollars.

In spite of budget constraints, Commerce continues to offer many programs and services for community and business residents. If you are looking for fun, low cost or free activities to enjoy with your family this summer, try our local parks and libraries.

Registration for the Commerce Library's Summer Reading Program begins Monday, June 18. The program is a great way to help children and teens retain and improve their reading skills over the summer. This year, the library added its first ever summer reading program for adults. Now the whole family can participate in summer reading fun. It's free to join and all the programs are free to attend. Check the library's website www.cocpl.org for more details.

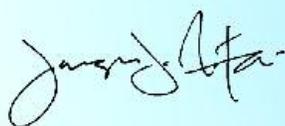
Keep cool this summer with a dip in the pool. Recreational swimming for residents with a Resident Activity Card is only 50 cents, spray pools are in operation from June 30 until Sept. 3 and swim lesson registration starts June 9 at the Rosewood Park Community Center/Aquatorium.

Movie Night kicks off June 29. Every Friday night through Aug. 31, families can watch a movie on the big blow up screen at Rosewood Park. Movies start at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.) For more information on events and activities, pick up a summer brochure at your local park or view it online at www.ci.commerce.ca.us.

Preschool Graduation is scheduled for 5 p.m., June 2, at Veterans Memorial Park. On behalf of the City Council, I acknowledge all our preschool graduates as well as graduates from high schools, colleges and universities. Congratulations Class of 2012!

Father's Day is June 17. Don't forget to take time to acknowledge and appreciate your dad.

Sincerely,
Jorge Rifá




MUNICIPAL NOTES

CENTRAL LIBRARY REDESIGN APPROVED

To upgrade the Commerce Central Library and improve library services, the Commerce City Council approved a \$120,000 services agreement with Adrian-Gaus Architects for the redesign of the Central Library Renovation Project at the May 8 special meeting of the City Council.

The redesign is expected to take up to four months and will allow the City to advertise bids for the project, which has \$3.6 million in budgeted bond monies remaining. According to Finance Director Vilko Domic the bond monies are designated for capital improvements, such as City Hall and/or the Central Library renovation. If used for a purpose other than capital improvement projects, the City could face stiff penalties

from several governmental and non-governmental agencies.

The Library Renovation Project was first discussed in 2003, during which time Council approved \$1.35 million from general City reserves as seed money. In 2004, the City Council approved a Lease Revenue Bond Issuance, generating \$5 million.

As of this January the City had expended approximately \$1.24 million on the project. In Feb., Council revisited the project, lowering the project cost to \$4.84 million. This leaves \$3.6 million to complete the Library renovation and frees up approximately \$1 million for other capital improvement projects.

POWER OUTAGE INFO FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

Southern California Edison has tips and checklists you need to easily and safely get through an electrical outage—whether it's planned or unplanned. Unplanned outages are caused by severe weather, natural disasters, hot temperatures, and traffic accidents that sever or expose live wires.

Planned outages help improve the overall strength of SCE's electrical system—from equipment replacement to network alterations and upgrades. SCE will notify you at least three days before maintenance begins, but unforeseen conditions may require service to be postponed till a later date. If you have any questions about planned outages, call SCE 24 hours a day at 1-888-759-6056 or go online to www.sce.com/outages.

Here is a simple to-do list you can follow if your

power goes out:

Check for blown fuses or tripped circuits and see if your neighbor has power.

Call SCE to report the outage at 1-800-611-1911. Switch off you lights (except one). Also, to prevent damage when the electricity is restored, unplug all electrical equipment—including computers, stereos, televisions and air conditioners.

Listen to a battery-powered radio for storm or emergency-related updates, and find a nearby Cool Center for relief on hot days.

Do not light fires or charcoal indoors. If you are cold, wear multiple layers of warm clothing.

If you see a downed power line, DO NOT TOUCH IT. Call SCE immediately at (800) 611-1911 day or night.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

REGULAR MEETING REPORTS

Regular Meeting of April 17

- Approved an Agreement with the Arthritis Foundation (AF) for Co-Sponsorship of an AF Walk with Ease Program.
- Received and filed a report on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit Report.



Hugo Lujan, Isella Ramirez and young Evie Cotto of Commerce based environmental group East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice presented the City with a banner of artwork drawn by Commerce kids about local environmental issues.

- Approved a request for use of the Teen Center to hold a youth program workshop to be conducted by the Torch Foundation.
- Appointed Sonia Rodriguez to the Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel; Appointed Cathy Duarte to the Community Services Commission; Appointed Chris Griego to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Appointed Christina Olivas to the Pageant Steering Committee.
- Adjourned in memory of Richard "Rocky" Vasquez, longtime Commerce resident and son of former Councilmember Ricardo Vasquez, brother of City employee Michael Vasquez and brother-in-law of City employee Loida Vasquez; Ignacia Vega, grandmother of City employee Heriberto Valdes; and Jose Manuel Tamayo, father of City employee Angela Carbajal.

Regular Meeting of May 1

- Approved a commendation honoring Community Development Director Bob Zarrilli on the occasion of his retirement.
- Approved the list of 2012 Civic and Service Organizations.
- Approved Cash Contract No. 1110R - Interior and Exterior Painting of the Transportation Services Center in the amount of \$49,375 to be performed by C.T. Georgiou Painting Company of Wilmington, CA.
- Approved a fee schedule for the summer day camp program.
- Approved an agreement with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. to provide an aerial fireworks display for the 2012 Fourth of July Celebration.
- Approved an agreement with Raymond Leefe D.B.A. Candyland Amusements for Carnival Services for the 2012 Fourth of July Celebration at Rosewood Park.
- Received and filed an update report on the Green Policy/Green Zones as proposed by the Environmental Justice Advisory Task Force.
- Appointed Nancy Barragan to the Traffic Commission.
- Adjourned in memory of June McCoy, longtime Commerce resident and wife of former City of Commerce Water Facilities Corporation Board Member Charles McCoy.

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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND HOME IMPROVEMENT

The Code Enforcement Division would like to assist residents by offering suggestions that will assist in maintaining code compliance, flood and fire resistance, and property values in the City of Commerce.

The April showers of 2012 have certainly watered more than a crop of beautiful May flowers, so there is some work to be done before getting out to enjoy the summer.

First, make every effort to maintain your property's landscape. Trim trees, shrubs, and bushes that have become overgrown. Regularly mow and edge the grass of your lawn and parkway. Remove all weeds, and clear all dead, decayed, diseased or hazardous growth. Keep your landscape hydrated with adequate amounts of water. Healthy landscapes help to resist soil erosion and fire.

Second, take a moment to assess the condition of your home's roof. After spring rains, it may be time to repair leaks, or consider a re-roof. If your roof is unsightly and visibly looks in need of repair, even if you have not experienced any leaks, or your home has dangerous dry wooden shingles, consider the repair or re-roof during the dryer months of the year. A proper

roof helps a home's resistance to fire and flood.

Lastly, take another moment to assess your home's paint, stucco, doors, windows, and vents. Cracked and, or peeling paint, stucco, broken or missing doors, windows, or vents give a dilapidated appearance and inadequate weather protection. Consider repairs or replacements, that make your home more energy efficient. Did you know that painting your house white reflects heat and keeps your home cooler?

A great resource for energy efficiency improvements in your home that can provide up to \$8,000 in rebates is the Energy Upgrade California program offered through Los Angeles County. For more information visit www.energyupgradeca.org.

Remember that the Commerce Code Enforcement Division's goal is to protect the public welfare and to maintain the beauty and value of the community. Remember to check with the City's Planning and Building and Safety divisions to inquire about any necessary permits and provisions associated with any construction, repairs, or improvements to your property and home.

If you have questions or would like more information, please call Code Enforcement at (323) 722-4805, extension 2293.

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST WEST NILE VIRUS

VECTOR CONTROL ADVISES RESIDENTS TO USE THE 5 DS



Mosquitoes and warm weather go hand in hand. Along with mosquitoes comes the threat of the West Nile virus. West Nile virus is transmitted to people and animals (birds and horses) by infected mosquitoes. It can cause debilitating cases of meningitis and encephalitis and lead to death in humans, horses, some bird species and other wildlife.

The following safety precautions from the Los Ange-

les County West Vector and Vector Borne Disease Control District advises the public to follow the 5 Ds:

1. Drain-Reduce the amount of standing water in or near your property by draining or removing it because mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water.
2. Deny-Deny entry by mosquito-proofing your home with tight fitting screens on windows and doors.
3. Dawn & Dusk-When possible, avoid spending time outside at dawn and dusk.
4. Dress-Wear shoes, socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods of time when mosquitoes are most active. Clothing should be light colored and made of tightly woven materials to keep mosquitoes away from the skin.
5. DEET-For additional protection from mosquitoes, use an insect repellent containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide). When using DEET or any repellent, be sure to read and follow all instructions on the label. In most circumstances, products with 25 to 35 percent DEET provide adequate protection for conditions experienced in most environments.

For more information, contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at (562) 944-9656 or visit their website at www.glacvcd.org.

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING ORDINANCE

WORKING TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL

The Commerce City Council adopted the Commercial Recycling Ordinance, which is effective as of July 1. The goal is to improve quality of life and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020, which represents an 11% reduction.

The Commercial Recycling Ordinance affects businesses that generate more than 4 cubic yards of waste per week and multi-family residential properties with at least 5 units (apartments).

To comply with the ordinance, businesses and owners of multi-family residential properties must establish recycling services through their City-authorized licensed refuse/recycling hauler and/or self-hauling recyclables.

For more information, businesses or residents can call the Environmental Services Division at (323) 722-4805.

For Safety's Sake: Teach Your Child about Stranger Dangers

Approximately one million children are reported missing each year in the United States. Of these children, approximately 100,000 never return home. This is a parent's worst nightmare. It is also a situation that can be prevented by teaching children about the dangers that strangers can pose.

Openly communicate with your child and discuss what they should do to remain safe in a variety of situations. Frequently discuss potentially hazardous situations with your child. By discussing a variety of "what if?" situations with your child, you are preparing him/her to act safely if they are approached by someone who represents a danger to their health and safety.

Rehearsing what to do will help a child react in a safe manner. Teaching your child about stranger dangers is one of the greatest gifts you can give to your child and yourself! Here are a few suggested topics to discuss with your kids:

- Let your child know they can talk to you about anything. Keep open and interactive communication with them.
- Let them know that there are private areas of their bodies where adults should NOT TOUCH them.
- Tell them to tell you if anyone touches them in their private areas or makes them feel uncomfortable in any way.
- Make sure that they understand that they should NEVER GO ANYWHERE WITH SOMEONE THEY DON'T KNOW, NO MATTER WHAT THAT PERSON MIGHT SAY or DO!
- Teach children that they have a right to say "NO" to others; whether it is about peer pressure, sex, drugs or something that they feel is wrong. Teach them to say "NO" loudly enough so someone else will hear them.
- Make sure that your child(ren) always tells you WHERE he or she is going. Make sure that if your child goes into someone's home, it's someone that you know WELL. This includes all inhabitants of the household and any frequent visitors.
- Remember, there is safety in numbers! A child who goes out alone is more likely to be a target for a predator.
- Never leave your child unattended at any time, including in a car, at home, at the mall or any other place.
- Teach children to never open the door to strangers.
- Warn your child about various approaches and requests made by strangers.

The Commerce Public Safety Division offers classes to children and their parents about "Stranger Dangers" and a variety of child safety topics. We also offer a free service called "Operation Kid I.D." where we will fingerprint, photograph and videotape children, and supply parents with a booklet of their child's vital information.

For more information about these child safety programs, contact Crime Prevention Program Coordinator Laura Tilley at (323) 722-4805.

City of Commerce History

The photos below are from the City of Commerce Local History Digital Resources Collection, which is available for viewing via the Online Archive of California at www.oac.cdlib.org.

Commerce Civic Center



An aerial view of Commerce Way in the 1960's. Commerce City Hall, the Central Library, and the original Aquatorium can be seen, as well as undeveloped properties along Jillson Street and Washington Boulevard.

Central Library Circa 1964



The Central Library's futuristic design included a rounded circulation counter to serve the public. The Central Library is scheduled to undergo a redesign in the near future (See page 2 Municipal Notes).

Washington Boulevard



Pictured here is a major public works project on Washington Boulevard and Telegraph Road sometime between 1968 and 1974. Today the Costco Business Center is located at this intersection.

LIBRARY NEWS

“DREAM BIG – READ!” 2012 CHILDREN’S SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

The Commerce Library’s Summer Reading Program is a fun way to help your children retain or improve their reading skills over the summer and it is completely free! Children who participate in the program can earn prizes for reading and attend great programs at all of the Commerce libraries.

Registration for the Commerce Library Summer Reading Programs begins Monday, June 18 at their local library. The first day for reporting is Mon., June 25. The SRP is free and open to children of all ages.

The “Tiny Tots” Reading Program is for children from birth to three years old. Parents, babies and toddlers in the Tiny Tots program will share books, rhymes, songs, and learning activities to earn prizes. Children in the Children’s Summer Reading Program (ages 4 to fifth grade) track the time they spend reading to earn prizes.

SRP Special Programs

All children are invited to the library’s special programs and storytimes during the summer, which are free and open to the public.

The Kick-Off Program will feature “The Splashy Sea Saga of Sailor Sam,” a funny puppet show about the hijinks and adventures of Sailor Sam and his pal Salty, presented by the Luce Puppet Company at 10 am on Sat., June 23 in the Central Library. Tickets for the Kick-Off program are free and will be available beginning at 1 pm on June 18 at all Commerce libraries (Limit 4 tickets per family.)

The Truffles will lead children and families on a “Magical Musical Tour” of Beatles music by breaking the songs into parts for different instruments, then performing the full songs at all of the libraries during storytimes the week of July 9.

SRP Storytimes

The library will also have “Dream Big - READ” story-

times and craft activities. Storytime themes include “Out of This World,” “Night Owls,” “Night Adventures,” and “Dreams and Wishes.”

Summer Reading Program Storytimes are held as follows:

- Mondays at the Central Library at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays at the Atlantic branch at 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays at the Greenwood branch at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursdays at the Bristow Park branch at 6:00 p.m.
- Preschool Storytime will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Fridays in the summer at the Greenwood branch for young children.

The last day to register for the Summer Reading Program is Monday, July 30 and the last day to report is Saturday, August 4. The “Dream Big – DANCE! Family Dance Party” and Summer Reading Program Ending Celebration with a live DJ will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 9 in the Veterans Park Gym.

Teen Summer Reading Program

The Teen Summer Reading Program returns for another exciting year. Join us for a summer of reading, crafts, movies, and other activities. Registration begins Monday, June 18 and reporting begins Monday, June 25.

The Hunger Games training tournament will be held on Friday, June 29 at the Central Library to test your skills in a variety of challenges.

The last day to register for the program is Mon., July 30 and Sat., August 4 is the last day to report.

Teen Book Club

If you enjoy reading this is the club to join! The Teen Book Club will be meeting at 5:30 pm on Wed., June 27 at the Central Library. We’ll be discussing *Catching Fire*, the second book of the Hunger Games trilogy.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS HONORED

RECOGNITION BREAKFAST HIGHLIGHTS SERVICE



From l. to r. are Commerce Kids Read! tutors Anna Aguayo, Jannine Mancilla, Jasmine Mariscal, Sara Mares-Gallegos, Angelica Gambino, Elma Oliveros, Samantha Rocha, and Erika Valencia.

The Commerce Library honored literacy volunteers at a recognition breakfast at Stevens Steak and Seafood House in April. The annual event recognizes volunteers who have served the library through tutoring, service to homebound residents, college/financial aid mentoring, flier distribution, special events assistance and clerical support.

Literacy Awards were presented to Adult Literacy tutors Olivia Audoma, Elizabeth Flores, Cynthia Kang, Armando Martinez, Alice Moeller, Samantha Rocha, Terry Sampson and Beatriz Sarmiento, whose com-

bined time of one-on-one tutoring totaled 2,000 hours. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Commerce Kids Read! tutors Anna Aguayo, Sara Mares-Gallegos, Angelica Gambino, Jannine Mancilla, Jasmine Mariscal, Samantha Rocha and Erika Valencia; Embajadores Patricia Acero, Maria Arteaga, Gloria Gonzalez, Graciela Gonzalez, Sofia Gonzalez, Valentina Gonzalez, Ernestina Hernandez, Martha Lara, Francisca Lopez, Antonia Lupercio, Maggie Mafud, Beatriz Mancilla, Carmen Mancilla, Margarita Maravilla, Estela Medrano, Ana Diana Mejia, Rita Rodarte, Rosa Zambrano, Adelita Zepeda; College Help volunteer Evelyn Diaz; Homebound Service volunteers Caroline Matz and Carmen Mancilla; and College intern Tiffany Hernandez.

Featured speakers were Rancho Cucamonga Library literacy tutor Debby Munoz, who spoke on the merits of tutoring and Margarita Gimenez a Rancho Cucamonga Library Literacy Program student who testified about how the literacy program helped her build her literacy skills.

Door prizes at the event were donated by Annabelle Palacios, Auntie Ann’s Pretzel, Beatriz Samiento, Commerce Flowers, Crown Plaza Hotel at Commerce, Del Taco #1160, Frank Smith (Le Creuset), Gehr Industries, Inc., Home Depot Commerce, McDonald’s Commerce, Steven’s Steakhouse and resident Terri Dellarosa.

COMMERCE LIBRARY

PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC



The Commerce Public Library coordinates the Commerce Scholarship Program and the annual Commerce to College Fair pictured above.

The Commerce Public Library System is a cornerstone of the community. Whether to inform, educate or entertain, the Commerce Public Library is an important resource to students, employees, job seekers and patrons of all ages and backgrounds.

Statistics confirm the Commerce Library's value to the community. Last year 320,923 patrons visited the Commerce libraries, a total of 257,052 books and materials were checked out, and 293,364 questions were answered by Commerce reference librarians and library staff.

The Commerce Public Library System is comprised of the Central Library, the Atlantic branch, the Bristow Park branch, and the Greenwood branch. Seven divisions--Adult/Reference Services, Children's Services, Teen/Young Adult Services, Literacy, Circulation, Technical Services, and Library Administration are housed at the Central Library and provide support for all the branches.

Adult/Reference, Young Adult and Children's Service Divisions provide programs and services for their respective audiences. Read Across America, National Library Week, Starbucks Read-In, SAT workshops, English and Spanish Book clubs, the Summer Reading Program, Computer Classes, Story Time and Homework Help are just a few of the many programs offered to patrons. Reference librarians answer questions and direct library users to books and materials. The Commerce Library also provides:

- The Adult Literacy Program, which helps adults and children to improve their reading and writing skills and oversees the Commerce Scholarship Program.
- Circulation staff provides friendly and helpful customer service when you check out your materials and bring them back. This division also oversees library service for the homebound and the Senior Center.
- Technical Services staff orders, processes and catalogs library materials and oversees all of the library's computer operations.
- Administration provides leadership and office support for the library department.

One of the strengths of the library is its collection of books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs, videos, CDs and cassettes--available in English and Spanish. The Library also offers free use of computers, net books, iPads and Wi-Fi to keep library users on the cutting edge of technology. All that's needed to access these materials and services is a library card. The online

Commerce Library is worth checking out and bookmarking on your computer. With only your Commerce Library card, you can get live homework help, the World Book Encyclopedia, magazines, auto repair help, resources for students and much more. At cocpl.org you can renew your library items, request a hold on books, DVDs and materials too!

The Commerce Library is an institution of life-long learning, improving the quality of life for residents and the business community and truly lives up to the Commerce motto, 'Where Quality Service is Our Tradition.'

To learn more about library services and programs visit the Library's website at www.cocpl.org.



Senior Library Assistant Eduardo Hernandez helps children at the Circulation Desk during a Rosewood School class visit.



Each Commerce Library features computers with Internet access like the ones pictured here at Greenwood Library.

CITY OF COMMERCE CHANNEL 3



June 2012 Featured Highlights

AWARD WINNING CABLECASTS OF THE 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.

"IN A COUNCIL MINUTE" A ONE MINUTE RECAP OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mondays at 4 p.m., Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 1 p.m., Thursdays at 4 p.m., Fridays at 3 p.m., Saturdays at 11 a.m. & Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

COMMERCE CITY NEWS

Mondays at 9 a.m., Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday at 3 p.m., Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., Friday at 5:30 p.m., Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. & Sundays at 3:30 p.m.

COMMERCE PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

(**Live Broadcast from Veterans Park on Saturday 6/2/12**)
Mondays at 5 p.m., Tuesdays at 4 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 a.m., Thursdays at 1 p.m., Fridays at 8 a.m., Saturdays at 12 p.m. & Sundays at 11 a.m.

K9 CORNER

Mondays at 8 a.m., Tuesdays at 11 a.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 8 p.m., Fridays at 2 p.m., Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. & Sundays at 12 p.m.

COMMERCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOW TRANSPORTATION

Mondays at 3 p.m., Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 12 p.m., Thursdays at 10 a.m., Fridays at 3:30 p.m., Saturdays at 4 p.m. & Sundays at 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.

TWILIGHT DANCE MUSIC CONCERT FEATURING: "GRUPO FANTASMA"

Mondays at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at 12 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 a.m., Thursdays at 6 p.m., Fridays at 6 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. & Sundays at 5 p.m.

CHEAP EATS "DINAH'S FAMILY RESTAURANT, TAHOE GALBI KOREAN BBQ, HONEY'S KETTLE FRIED CHICKEN"

Mondays at 12 p.m., Tuesdays at 2 p.m., Wednesdays at 4 p.m., Thursdays at 11 a.m., Fridays at 9 a.m., Saturdays at 6 p.m. & Sundays at 2 p.m.

Commerce City Channel 3 offers DVD copies of local programs broadcast on channel 3 & 32 for \$10. Original shows include City Council Meetings, Public Affairs, Commerce City News, Commerce Park Concerts, Commerce Teen Plays and more. See the city channel replay schedule or go to www.ci.commerce.ca.us for more information.

Report to the People **COMMERCE GALLERY**

Commerce Boxing at Cinco de Mayo



The boxing exhibition hosted by the Commerce Boxing Club was a hit, drawing a huge crowd at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration held at Rosewood Park.

Miss Cinco de Mayo



Miss Cinco de Mayo Amanda Alvarado, pictured here at the opening ceremonies, served as a co-host of the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Community Dodger Night



Miss Dodgers Alyssa Rubio with Hall of Famer Tommy Lasorda, showing off a freshly autographed baseball at Community Dodger Night. Lasorda managed the Dodgers for nearly two decades leading them to two World Series Championships in 1981 and 1988.

Recreation Jazz



The Recreation Jazz program performed a latin dance number in honor of Cinco de Mayo at the City's annual celebration.

Folkloricó at Cinco de Mayo



The Commerce Folkloricó Dance program performed traditional Mexican dances at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Kids Are Cute Baby Show



Aron Rouse won multiple ribbons in the 'Kids Are Cute' Baby Show. From l. to r. are Parks and Rec. Commissioner Rudy Torres, Miss Galaxy Karely Ramirez and Aron's proud mom.

Future Model



Baby Show participant Stacy Campos flashes a winning smile on the runway during the 'Kids Are Cute' Baby Show.

Visit from Hot 92.3



Miss Commerce Unique Hernandez and Miss Fourth of July Jannine Mancilla are pictured here at Rosewood Park with DJ Jimmy Reyes from the Rick Dees morning show on radio station Hot 92.3, which broadcasted live from Rosewood Park in May.

Rosewood School Employee



Vivian Terry who is retiring at the end of the school year was honored for 40 years of dedicated service as secretary to Rosewood School. She is pictured here with Principal Robert Cornejo and retired Rosewood teacher Carmen Marquez Cooper.

Rideshare Kick-Off



The City held a Rideshare Kickoff event for employees at the Transportation Center in April to promote ridesharing and reduce pollution. From l. to r. are Ernie Cadenas, Michael Pyles, Rebecca Lee Longoria and Nora Leyva.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Celebration

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4
2 P.M. TO 10:30 P.M., ROSEWOOD PARK



4TH OF JULY COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY
JULY 4
NOON TO 11 P.M.

FRIDAY
JULY 6
5 P.M. TO 11 P.M.

SATURDAY
JULY 7
NOON TO 11 P.M.

SUNDAY
JULY 8
NOON TO 11 P.M.

Join the community in commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

Meet Miss Fourth of July Jannine Mancilla. Enjoy American and ethnic foods, live music, dancing and raffles!

The 5K Freedom Run begins at 8 a.m. sharp! Run, jog or stroll through the Rosewood Park neighborhood. Pre-register at the Department of Parks and Recreation beginning Tuesday, June 5.

Opening ceremony at 3 p.m.

Patriotic march at 5 p.m.

Fireworks Show at 9 p.m.

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

GOT TALENT?

IF SO, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
CALL ADOLFO MARQUEZ AT 323/887-4434
FOR AUDITION INFORMATION.



Rabies Clinic

All dogs must be on a leash!

Rabies Vaccination - \$5



June 6, 2012

Wednesday, 6:30 to 8 pm

Rosewood Park, 2535 Commerce Way



License fees:

Spayed or neutered dogs \$15 (sterility certificate required)

Unaltered dogs \$25

Pets of Senior Residents (62+) \$7.50

For more information, call the Department of Community Services at (323) 887-4460.

Special thanks to the following Volunteers:

Montebello Veterinary Hospital, Women's Club of Commerce, Commerce ComCats and Commerce Teen Club



Commerce Public Library System Summer Reading Program Calendar 2012

Important Dates:

Monday, June 18
Registration begins for Summer Reading Programs

Saturday, June 23
10 a.m. – Central Library
Kick-Off Program:
Luce Puppet Company presents:
The Splashy Sea Saga
of Sailor Sam

Monday, June 25
Reporting begins for
Summer Reading Programs

June SRP Activities

Monday, June 25 6 p.m.
Wild Things at Night Program
Central Library

Tuesday, June 26 6 p.m.
Wild Things at Night Program
Atlantic Branch

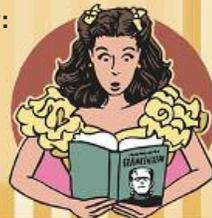
Wednesday, June 27 6 p.m.
Wild Things at Night Program
Greenwood Branch

Thursday, June 28 6 p.m.
Wild Things at Night Program
Bristow Park Branch

Friday, June 29 11 a.m.
Preschool Storytime: Moon and Stars – Greenwood Branch

For more information, call your local Library:

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



woman's Club of Rosewood Park Annual

FLORA

MARKET

SA T JUN 2nd

7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rosewood Park
5600 Harbor St
Commerce

General space - \$10.00 Pagodas - \$20.00

For more information or to purchase space, call Sandy Cornejo at (323) 726-8170

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YMCA representatives wore tee shirts that read "Take on Summer," which is exactly what they did by publicizing YMCA Preschool and summer programs to Commerce residents at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

prizes, gift certificates and candy filled piñatas. Following the opening ceremonies the event got into full swing with the Commerce Hot Shots Tee Ball season opener

and the Commerce Boxing Show, where onlookers cheered on our hometown athletes. The main stage came to life with the Commerce Showcase of Talent, which

featured the Commerce Folklorico, Tap and Ballet, Recreation Jazz, and Competitive Dance Team dancers. Other activities and entertainment included piñata breaks, the roaming mariachi trio Los Sonadores, and balloon artist Ben Gordon.

The variety of entertainment was matched only by the variety of food offered by participating Commerce civic organizations. Some of the fare included red cheese and green chicken enchiladas, taquitos and guacamole, tacos, churros and burritos, along with refreshments like lemonade, melon juice and soft drinks to wash it down.

Residents also stopped by booths to learn more about local organizations like the Mount Wilson Girl Scout Troop, Commerce Cub Scout Pack #473, Boy Scout Troop #473 and Commerce based environmental group East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice.

This year there was also a non-partisan 'Get Out the Vote' voter registration booth hosted by Commerce resident volunteers.

In the late afternoon residents closed out the afternoon dancing to the music of Mariachi Los Imperiales to cap a memorable Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

The City would like to thank Commerce Hyundai, Justman Packaging and Union Pacific for their support of this year's celebration. The Commerce Cinco de Mayo celebration is hosted every year by the City of Commerce to celebrate Mexican culture. The event was coordinated by the Department of Parks and Recreation under the supervision of Interim Director Scott Wasserman.

JUNE DATES TO NOTE

 4 English Book Club, 6 p.m.	13 Community Task Force Meeting, 3 p.m.	19 City Council/Successor Agency Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	26 Library Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
5 City Council/Successor Agency Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	14 Flag Day Community Services Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.	Library Embajadores Meeting, 6 p.m.	27 Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
6 Rabies Clinic, 6:30 p.m., Rosewood Park Traffic Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	17 Father's Day	20 Summer Begins	30 Spray Pools Open
11 Education Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.	18 Summer Reading Program Registration Begins	23 Summer Reading Program Kickoff	
		25 Adult Computer Classes, 5:30 p.m.	