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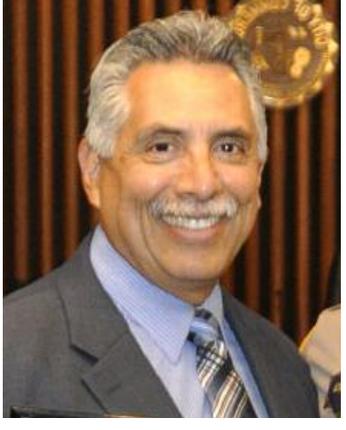
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More than 500 people found jobs at the 4th Annual Community Job Fair hosted by the Citadel and the Commerce Employment and Business Development Center, which featured more than 70 employers.

THOUSANDS ATTEND COMMUNITY JOB FAIR

More than 3,000 job seekers flocked to the 4th annual Citadel-Commerce Community Job Fair in search of employment opportunities from more than 70 participating employers. The Fair, which was held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Citadel Retail Outlets on Sept. 26, featured retail and non-retail employers and a wide range of job seekers.

"Today went pretty good. I dropped off a couple of resumes already and I have some interviews scheduled over the next couple of days," said job seeker

Marco Palacios, who heard about the fair at East Los Angeles College where he attends school. "This event helps a lot. I'm a full time student and it's challenging to find time to search for jobs."

Palacios said he was pleased with the variety of employers and applied at a number of them including Waste Management Inc., the 'Lids' store at the Citadel and a number of others. "I like that each company is a few steps away from another."

Employers were upbeat

about finding workers to meet their needs. "We're offering opportunities to potential associates and we're interviewing some good candidates," said Keith Harrington, a District Manager with 'Lids,' who was looking to hire employees interested in seasonal opportunities, and career oriented people to work for 'Lids' company stores. 'Lids' has more than 50 company stores in Los Angeles, as well as additional stores in Orange and Riverside Counties.

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MEASURE AA: HALF CENT SALES TAX FAQ

Measure AA will come before Commerce voters in the upcoming General Election on November 6. If passed, the revenue generated by the measure would be used to protect vital services and to address the City's unfunded infrastructure needs for streets, roads and City facilities.

To provide information to Commerce voters, answers to the most frequently asked questions are listed below:

- Q. What is Measure AA?**
A. Measure AA is a retail sales tax ordinance that, if passed by voters, would establish a ½ cent sales tax for every retail dollar spent in the City. This means that the City will receive 50 cents in local sales tax revenue for every \$100 spent at retail locations in Commerce.
- Q. How much revenue would Measure AA produce?**
A. If approved, Measure AA is projected to generate \$4.5-\$5 million annually.
- Q. Who will pay this tax?**
A. Anyone who purchases goods and services in the City of Commerce.

- Q. How will the money be spent?**
A. The revenue generated by Measure AA will help maintain and improve a wide range of vital services, including public safety provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Fire Departments, repair of City facilities, streets and roads and other community programs and services.

Measure AA also requires that the City Council establish an oversight committee made up of residents and business leaders who will provide local control and accountability for the use of the funds through their advisory recommendations to the City Council.

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ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR PROMOTES HIGHER EDUCATION



High school student winners of the Acer Netbook raffle at the College Fair.

Nearly one thousand people attended the annual Commerce to College Fair on Sept. 15 at Veterans Park.

The fair, sponsored by the Commerce Public Library and the Education Commission, was held to help students of all ages to prepare for and learn about opportunities for college.

College bound students and their families were invited to meet with representatives from 25 colleges and attend work-

shops on financial aid, scholarships, the application process and college success.

Norma Silva brought her nephew Braulio Silva to the event. "I thought it was important to bring him here to get a feel for all the colleges," she said.

Braulio Silva, said, "It's wonderful. It's helps kids to know where they want to go after high school."

Suva Intermediate School

teacher Jennifer Mayer attended with a group of about 40 AVID students. She said the fair provided students the opportunity to learn about various college programs and services.

"We are very happy the city offers this to students," she said.

Suva sixth grader, Maria Torres, nodded in agreement.

Edwin Martinez, a Salesian High School student heard about the event from his coun-

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Please join us in honoring our U.S. military veterans and active duty service personnel at our annual Veterans Day Ceremony scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 11, at Veterans Memorial Park. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. All local veterans, active duty men and women or reserves are encouraged to attend and be recognized. Let's show our appreciation to the U.S. military who bravely protect our country and keep America strong and free.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Captain Henry M. Romero was recently promoted to Commander of Field Operations Region III and will no longer be working out of the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station. Captain Romero worked to prevent crime and promote public safety in Commerce and we are grateful for his service. We congratulate him on a much deserved promotion. Replacing Romero will be Captain James P. Wolak. We are pleased to welcome Captain Wolak to our community.

The City Council approved a new express bus service that will provide commuters with free transportation from major Commerce employment centers, such as the Citadel and Commerce Casino, to the Los Angeles Union Station and LA Live. This is the first major service expansion in Commerce in more than fifteen years. The new Citadel Express route will link Commerce to downtown Los Angeles. The service will encourage tourism in Commerce, which will generate revenue for the City; lessen the number of cars on the road; lower emissions; help ease parking problems; and help residents and business employees save on gas. Plans are to have the bus service operating before the end of the year.

Please remember to vote in the upcoming Nov. 6 election. Voting is a right and responsibility. Besides choosing a president, voters must decide on some key issues. Commerce residents are being asked to vote on Measure AA, an ordinance which, if passed, will generate an estimated \$4.5 to \$5 million in revenue annually for Commerce. The revenues gained from this tax measure will be used to repair local facilities, fix streets, restore public safety, and provide important City services all through local control and accountability.

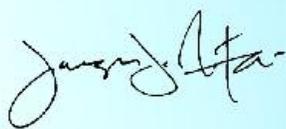
The Department of Community Services Social Services Division is collecting donations of money, food, toys, gifts certificates and family sponsorships for its Holiday Cheer Program. Donations will help families in need of assistance during the holidays. To give, please contact the Community Services Department at (323) 887-4460. Donations must be received by Dec. 12.

Daylight savings time ends on Nov. 4. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.

Finally, a reminder that City Hall and libraries will be closed Monday, Nov. 12 in observance of Veterans Day and Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 and 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

On behalf of the City Council, we wish you and your family a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Jorge Rifá




MUNICIPAL NOTES

PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO BAN DIESEL TRUCK IDLING

At its Sept. 18 meeting, the City Council directed staff to develop an ordinance that would effectively ban excessive heavy diesel truck idling in Commerce. The proposed ordinance would emulate an existing State ordinance.

The ordinance would permit designated personnel to issue citations for excessive idling in the amount of \$300 for a first offense.

Idling, which is running an engine when the vehicle is not moving, discharges emissions that pollute air. According to the California Air Resource Board (ARB), idling uses up several billion gallons of fuel each year and contributes significantly to the transportation sector's portion of yearly greenhouse gas emissions. Engine idling is a major problem for smog, urban air pol-

lution and greenhouse gases, especially in large diesel engines.

Residents can voice their opinions and concerns on the proposed ordinance at upcoming City Council meetings, which are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Citizens wishing to address the Council can fill out a speaker's card and present it to the City Clerk prior to the start of the Council meeting.

To report an idling heavy diesel truck, please contact ARB's Vehicle Complaint Hotline at (800) 363-7664 or (800) END-SMOG or go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/complaints/icv.htm> to fill out a complaint form.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

REGULAR MEETING REPORTS

Regular Meeting of October 2

- Honored Los Angeles County Sheriff's Captain Henry M. Romero on his promotion to Commander and introduced Commerce's newly assigned Captain James P. Wolak.
- Presented certificates of completion to graduates of the Commerce Video Production Course.



Commerce Video Production Course graduates with City staff. L. to r. are Interim Public Information Officer Jason Stinnett, graduates Ed Edwards, Diana Penalzoza, Andres Munoz, Betty Ortega, Joey Wilson and Cable TV Coordinator Darryl Leyden.

- Approved a certificate in recognition of the 437th Anniversary of the City's Sister City of Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes, Mexico.
- Proclaimed the Month of October 2012 as Crime Prevention Month in the City of Commerce.
- Proclaimed October 22-26 as Red Ribbon Week in the City of Commerce.
- Proclaimed September 30-October 6 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in the City of Commerce.
- Approved the issuance of a Request for Proposal to provide consulting services for preparation of the Housing Element Update for the City.
- Received and filed a status report on I-710 Freeway Improvement Project.
- Approved the purchase of a Narrowband Digital Radio Communication System from Dial Communications.
- Approved the purchase of one sweeper from Masco Sweepers, Inc., and one pickup truck from Downtown Ford Sales.
- Approved the purchase of an Automatic Voice Announcement System from Digital Recorders, Inc.
- Authorized certain City officers and employees to issue citations to enforce certain provisions of the Commerce Municipal Code and State law.
- Called for and gave notice of the holding of a General Municipal election for three City Council seats on March 5, 2013.
- Requested specific services from the Los Angeles

County Board of Supervisors for the 2013 Municipal Elections.

- Consented to election consolidation with the City of Los Angeles, with regards to the LA Community College District Board of Trustees elections.
- Adopted regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidates statements submitted to voters at an election.
- Received and filed a report on the new proposed transit operation for the Commerce Bus Line, "The Citadel Express Service."
- Approved an agreement with All American Asphalt for the Rosini/Rosewood Neighborhood Street Rehabilitation Project (Phase II).
- Approved an agreement for traffic signal maintenance services with Siemens Industry, Inc.
- Approved the fee schedule for the May 17, 2011 agreement with Wayne Perry Inc. for the installation of four wells and a gas collection system.
- Adjourned in memory of Lorraine Reyes, retired City employee.

Regular Meeting of September 18

- Approved an agreement between the City and Bob Murray & Associates for recruitment services for a Director of Human Resources.
- Received and filed a report on procedures for elimination of the former Redevelopment Agency as performed by the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller.
- Approved a City Council Sub-Committee to develop recommendations for a new exclusive Residential Refuse agreement.
- Received and filed a status report on I-710 Freeway Improvement Project.

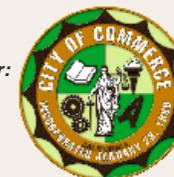
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DID YOU KNOW?

ADVERTISING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY IS ILLEGAL



Advertising on public property is illegal. It is a violation of State and City law and is a misdemeanor. California Penal Code (Section 556-556.4) states that it is a misdemeanor to post signs, pictures, transparencies, advertisements and mechanical devices on state, city or county property.

This includes posting on telephone and utility poles, street lights and traffic signals.

Commerce Municipal Code (Section 19.23.060) also prohibits the posting or affixing of bills, posters, pictures, placards, announcements, notices, advertisements or signs on any City tree.

If it is determined that a sign is illegally placed on public property, the City will notify the owner to remove the sign within 48 hours or can bill the owner for the costs of removal. If public safety considerations make it necessary for immediate action to be taken, the City shall remove the sign and the sign owner can be billed for the cost of removal.

For more information, call the Code Enforcement Division at (323) 722-4805, ext. 2293.

FOR SAFETY'S SAKE

LA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OFFERS HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

The holidays are a joyous time of the year, but they can also create potentially dangerous situations. To ensure a happy and safe holiday, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department advises residents to take the following precautions:

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you shop at night, park in a well lit area.
- Try to shop when it is less crowded.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry if possible. Save it for your family gathering.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash...pay for purchases with a check, credit or debit card.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Be ready to provide your location.
- Always carry a cell phone and have local emergency numbers available.

- Avoid carrying large or bulky items. Ask for help from a trusted source.
 - Keep your credit account information and phone numbers in a safe place and immediately report any lost, stolen or misused cards.
 - Teach children to stay by you and teach them what to do if they lose sight of you.
 - Immediately report any suspicious activity.
- When using an ATM during the holidays, be extra alert. Use them during daylight hours or pick a well lit and populated area.

For more information on holiday or neighborhood safety, contact Interim Public Safety Supervisor Laura Tilley at (323) 887-4460. To report crime call the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station at (323) 264-4151. In an emergency always call 911.

JOB FAIR

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Retailers like Levi's at the Citadel were among the 70 businesses seeking employees at the Community Job Fair.

Orange and Riverside Counties. Job seekers at the fair ranged in age and in the

types of employment they were interested in. "I just got out of high school and I'm looking for a job to save up for college," said Jasmine Valle.

Based on surveys collected from some of the participating employers, City staff estimates more than 500 people were hired. This includes 200 non-retail positions from employers like AMVAC, Securitas Security and Telacu, as well as 300 retail jobs from employers like Perry Ellis, Levi Outlet and the Nike Factory Store.

The Job Fair was coordinated by the City of Commerce Employment and Business Development Center (EBDC) in conjunction with the Citadel Retail Outlets. For those who missed the fair, the EBDC connects businesses with job seekers all year long. For more information, call the EBDC at (323) 887-4461.

TIS THE SEASON TO THINK GREEN

TIPS FOR A GREENER HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The holidays are a time to give thanks for all that we have. It is also a time to reduce, reuse and recycle. Here are a few tips on how to help our environment during the holiday season:

Holiday Parties

1. Cook the Thanksgiving turkey and all the side dishes in reusable cookware.
2. Recycle all food containers such as glass jars, cans, and drink containers.
3. Use re-usable table linens, plates and utensils instead of disposable types.
4. Set out recycling containers for all bottles and cans during parties.

Holiday Shopping

1. Buy Christmas gifts, wrappings and cards that have recycled content.
2. Take canvas tote bags to stores to use as shopping bags.
3. Plan your shopping trips. Combine as many errands as possible. Cars turned off for over an hour emit about 5 times more pollution than a warm car.
4. Clean out your closets and donate reusable items to charity.

For more environmental tips, visit the Environmental Services Division's web page at www.ci.commerce.ca.us.

Senior Center Update



Billiards is just one of many activities for seniors to enjoy at the Senior Center.

Commerce senior citizens can enjoy the great outdoors during Senior Day at Camp Commerce on Nov. 2. The cost for the day trip is \$2. Seniors looking for an extended stay can sign up for Senior Weekend, Nov. 9-11. The cost for the weekend trip is \$6. Seniors can register at City Hall and the Senior Center.

The Senior Center will be used as a polling place for the upcoming General Election on Nov. 6. Don't forget to vote.

The Senior Center is planning a trip to the Richard Nixon Library in Yorba Linda on Nov. 20. The cost is \$8.50. After the tour, seniors can lunch at one of the local eateries.

Holiday baking classes will be held every Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., starting this month. Cost per class varies, depending on what the class is baking that day.

The New Years "Black and Bling" Dance will be held on Dec. 28. Tickets will go on sale for residents on Dec. 3, and will be open to the general public on Dec. 10. The cost for pre-sale resident tickets is \$11, while general admission is \$13. The evening will include appetizers, social hour, a sit-down Italian dinner, dessert, Champagne toast and entertainment. This event sells out every year, so buy your ticket early. A valid resident card must be shown to purchase a pre-sale resident ticket. Limit one ticket per person.

The Senior Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22-23, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

For more information, call the Senior Center at (323) 887-4430.

The Senior Center wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving!



CITY OF COMMERCE CHANNEL 3



November 2012 Featured Highlights

AWARD WINNING CABLECASTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. (Live every 1st and 3rd Tues.),
Wednesday 10:00 a.m., Thursday 5:00 p.m. & Saturday 9:00 a.m.

"IN A COUNCIL MINUTE" FEATURING THE PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Monday 5 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m., Wednesday 9 a.m., Thursday 2 p.m.
Friday 2:43 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. & Sunday 8 p.m.

COMMERCE CITY NEWS

Monday 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m., Tuesday 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.,
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., Thursday 9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.,
Friday 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.,
& Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

CITY OF COMMERCE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Monday 2:00 p.m., Tuesday 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays 4:00 p.m.,
Thursday 6:00 p.m., Friday 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 3:00 p.m. & Sunday 1:00 p.m.

COMMERCE TURKEY TROT HIGHLIGHTS (AIRING 11-20-12)

Monday 10:00 a.m., Tuesday 3:00 p.m., Wednesday 5:30 p.m.,
Thursday 11:00 a.m., Friday 4:30 p.m., Saturday 7:00 p.m. &
Sunday 5:30 p.m.

COMMERCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS "CREDIT CARD FRAUD"

Monday 11:00 a.m., Tuesday 5:00 p.m., Wednesday 3:00 p.m.,
Thursday 8:00 a.m., Friday 2:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. &
Sunday 4:00 p.m.

STEP AEROBICS ADVANCED CLASS

Monday 8 a.m., Tuesday 8 a.m., Wednesday 8 a.m.,
Thursday 10 a.m., Friday 8 a.m., Saturday 12 p.m. &
Sunday 8 a.m.

TWILIGHT DANCE SERIES FEATURING: "SONNY & THE SUNSETS"

Monday 5 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m., Wednesday 9 a.m.,
Thursday 2 p.m., Friday 2:43 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.
& Sunday 8 p.m.

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

Election Information

ELECTION RULES ANNOUNCED

Linda Kay Olivieri, Commerce City Clerk, recently announced the rules governing municipal elections for general law cities in the State of California. The Commerce election for three (3) Council seats is set for Tuesday, March 5, 2013. The term of office for each of the three seats is four years.

The following calendar of events outlines the election process for the City of Commerce:

VOTER REGISTRATION – In order to vote at the March 5, 2013, election, voters must be registered in Commerce by February 18, 2013 (legal holiday). Registration forms may be picked up at the City Clerk's Office.

CANDIDATES' NOMINATION – Filing of nomination papers will begin November 12, 2012, and end December 7, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

If an incumbent does not file by 6:00 p.m. on December 7, 2012, voters shall have until 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, to nominate other candidates, other than the incumbent who did not file by December 7, 2012.

It is recommended that you schedule an appointment with the City Clerk's Office if you plan to take out nomination papers in order to provide sufficient time to review the information.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS – A minimum of three

campaign statements is required. The first, a Pre-election Statement, is due January 24, 2013; the second, a Pre-election Statement, is due February 21, 2013, and the third, a Semi-annual Statement is due July 31, 2013. A Semi-annual Statement is also due January 31, 2013.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES – The filing period for any person desiring his or her name as written on the ballot counted for a particular office to file a statement of write-in candidacy and nomination papers is January 7, 2013, to February 19, 2013.

SAMPLE BALLOTS AND POLLING PLACE NOTICES – The City Clerk will mail to each registered voter a sample ballot and polling place notice showing the location of the precinct polling place of the voter by February 12, 2013.

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS – Between February 4, 2013, and February 26, 2013, a voter may file his or her written application with the City Clerk for a vote-by-mail ballot.

Requests for further information regarding the 2013 General Municipal Election should be directed to City Clerk Olivieri at (323) 722-4805, ext. 2252.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN WORKING ON A PRECINCT BOARD FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION OR UTILIZING THEIR HOME AS A PRECINCT POLLING PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (323) 722-4805, EXT. 2252.

NORMAS ELECTORALES ANUNCIADAS

Linda Kay Olivieri, Actuaría Municipal de la Ciudad de Commerce, recientemente anunció las normas que rigen las elecciones municipales para ciudades que se conforman al derecho general en el Estado de California. La elección de Commerce para tres (3) escaños del Concilio esta fijada para el martes, 5 de marzo del 2013. El plazo del cargo para tres escaños es de cuatro años.

El siguiente calendario de eventos resume el proceso electoral para la Ciudad de Commerce:

INSCRIPCIÓN AL REGISTRO DE VOTANTES – Para poder votar en la elección del 5 de marzo del 2013, votantes deben de inscribirse en Commerce a no más tardar del 18 de febrero del 2013. Formularios de inscripción pueden ser recogidos en la oficina de la Actuaría Municipal.

NOMBRAMIENTO DE CANDIDATOS – La presentación de documentos de nombramiento va a empezar el 12 de noviembre del 2012 (día feriado) y concluye el 7 de diciembre del 2012 a las 6:00 p.m.

Si un titular del cargo no presenta sus documentos de nombramiento para el 7 de diciembre del 2012, los votantes tendrán hasta las 6:00 p.m. del miércoles, 12 de diciembre del 2012 para nombrar otros candidatos, además del titular que no se presentó para de 7 de diciembre del 2012.

Es recomendable programar una cita con la Oficina de la Actuaría Municipal si planean sacar documentos de nombramiento para poder tener suficiente tiempo para estudiar la información.

DECLARACIONES DE CAMPAÑA – Se requiere un mínimo de tres declaraciones de campaña. La primera, una Declaración Pre-elección se requiere el

24 de enero del 2013; la segunda, una Declaración Pre-elección, se requiere el 21 de febrero del 2013, y la tercera, una Declaración Semestral se requiere el 31 de julio del 2013. Una Declaración Semestral también se requiere el 31 de enero del 2013.

CANDIDATOS CUYOS NOMBRES NO ESTAN IMPRESOS EN LA BOLETA ("Write-in") – El plazo de presentación de candidatura para toda persona que desea que su nombre sea escrito en la boleta para un cargo en particular debe de presentar una declaración de candidatura como un "write-in" y documentos de nombramiento es del 7 de enero del 2013 hasta el 19 de febrero del 2013.

BOLETAS DE MUESTRA Y NOTIFICACIONES DE CENTROS ELECTORALES - A no más tardar del 12 de febrero del 2013, la Actuaría Municipal va a mandar por correo a todo votante registrado una boleta de muestra y la notificación de centros electorales indicando la ubicación del centro electoral del votante.

BOLETAS DE VOTAR POR CORREO – Entre el 4 de febrero del 2013 y el 26 de febrero del 2013 un votante puede presentar su solicitud de boleta de votar por correo con la Actuaría Municipal.

Solicitudes para más información sobre la Elección Municipal General de 2013 deben de ser dirigidas a la Actuaría Municipal Olivieri al (323) 722-4805, ext. 2252.

ALGUIEN INTERESADO EN TRABAJAR EN UNA MESA DE UN DISTRITO ELECTORAL PARA LA PRÓXIMA ELECCIÓN O SI SE PUEDE UTILIZAR SU HOGAR PARA UNA MESA DE UN DISTRITO ELECTORAL, FAVOR DE COMUNICARSE CON LA OFICINA DE LA ACTUARÍA MUNICIPAL AL (323) 722-4805, EXT. 2252.

TEEN CENTER UPDATE

ADVENTURE AWAITS COMMERCE TEENS

Commerce teens who enjoy activities like hiking, zip lining and exploring, should join the Teen Center's Adventure Club. Participants travel once a month to destinations throughout California.

Recently, the Adventure Club went on a five-day trip along the California coast. Participants went horseback riding in Gaviota, kayaking at Morrow Bay, hiking in San Simeon, and paid a visit to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Interested teens are invited to sign up for the Adventure Club and explore California. The club meets at 6 p.m., the second Wednesday of every month, at the Teen Center.

Since 2007, Commerce teens and pre-teens have been volunteering at Ronald McDonald House Charities, preparing dinners for families and crafting with kids. The volunteers also collect can tabs and pennies. Please help the Adventure Club and Girl0lolgy keep up this tradition by donating your can tabs and pennies. You can drop them off at your local park, Teen Center, Senior Center or City Hall.

For more information on clubs, programs, and activities for teens, please contact the Teen Center at (323) 838-4246.

LIBRARY NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Children's Librarian Cynthia Bautista reads to a group of children during Story Hour at the Bristow Branch Library in October. Story Hour is held weekly at all Commerce Public Libraries. For dates and times call your local branch library.

Children's Programs

Swazzle Puppets' "Holiday Extravaganza" Show December 8

10 a.m. @ Council Chambers

Local children and families are invited to watch and participate in the Swazzle Puppeteers' all-new interactive "Holiday Extravaganza" Show, where the audience helps direct the story! Children can visit with Santa Claus after the show. Free box lunches will be provided by the Commerce Casino.

The program is free, but seating is limited. Tickets will be available at Commerce libraries starting at 1 p.m. on Monday, December 3. Limit four (4) tickets per family. Ticketholders will be admitted to the program first. Non-ticketholders will be admitted at 10 a.m. if seats are available.

Teen Programs

Day of the Dead

November 1

5 p.m. @ Atlantic Library

Honor the memory of your loved ones or pay tribute to something important in your life at the Atlantic Library with an evening of crafts and other activities.

International Games Day

November 3

11 a.m.-1 p.m. @ all Commerce libraries

Commerce will join libraries around the world to celebrate the fun and value of games with a variety of games at each of the Commerce libraries.

Video Game Days

November 7 4 p.m. @ Bristow Park Library

November 14 4 p.m. @ Greenwood Library

November 21 6 p.m. @ Atlantic Library

November 28 4 p.m. @ Central Library

Wednesdays are video game days at the Commerce Library. Join us as we play Wii or X-box Kinect games.

Teen Book Club

November 28

5:30 p.m. @ the Central Library

Meet with other teens and share your thoughts on our latest book Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. We'll have free pizza and raffles! The Teen Book Club meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Central Library @ 5:30 p.m.

Adult Programs

The library is starting a new Poetry Club at 6:30 p.m., every second Tuesday of the month, at Central Library. The first meeting will be on November 13.

The Department of Parks and Recreation
presents

2012 Children's Holiday Faire & Santa's Sweet Shop

Saturday

December 15

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Veterans Park

\$2 per child (Ages 5-12)

Register begins Tues.,

December 4 at your local Park.

Holiday crafts for children, the Candy Cane Forest, games, crafts, treats and a visit with Santa!

Adult Craft Faire 2012

Saturday

November 17

Noon to 4 p.m.

Bandini Park

Ages 15 & up

\$10 per person-pre registration

\$12 at door based on availability

Registration begins Mon., October

15 at the Department of Parks &

Recreation.

A day of crafting in time for the holidays!

Current resident card required. Space is limited.

For more information on these and other programs and activities, call Parks and Recreation at (323) 887-4434.

Report to the People **COMMERCE GALLERY**

Industrial Council Business Expo



Commerce businesses came together to market their products and services at the Industrial Council Chamber of Commerce Business Expo in September.

Community Galaxy Night



Miss Galaxy Karely Ramirez poses for a picture with the Royal Court at Commerce Community Galaxy Night held on Sept. 22 at the Home Depot Center in Carson. From l. to r.: Miss 4th of July Jannine Mancilla, Miss Commerce Unique Hernandez, Miss Galaxy Karely Ramirez, Miss Dodgers Alyssa Rubio, and Miss Friendship Jennifer Mendoza.

Changing of the Guard



The City Council honored Captain Henry M. Romero on his promotion to Commander and welcomed new East LA Sheriff's Station Captain James P. Wolak to the community.

Adventure Club



Commerce teens from the Adventure Club stop to pose for a photo during one of their most recent adventures at the San Andreas Fault. For more information on upcoming trips for teens, call the Teen Center at (323) 838-4246.

Local University



Miss Commerce Unique Hernandez and Miss Fourth of July Jannine Mancilla at the Cal State L.A. table during the Commerce-to-College Fair.

Commerce Soccer Championship



Veterans Park beat Rosewood Park in the division championship soccer game pictured here at Rosewood Park on Sept. 8.

The Job Squad



Shown here are Employment Business and Development Center staff and volunteers that coordinated the Community Job Fair.

Employment Opportunities



The Community Job Fair, which was cosponsored by the City and the Citadel Retail Outlets featured more than 70 employers and attracted more than 3,000 job seekers.



CITY OF COMMERCE
Holiday Cheer Program
Providing Help for Commerce Families this Holiday Season

Residents can register for the Annual Holiday Cheer Program which includes holiday parties, food donations, holiday gifts and more.

Eligibility is based on income requirements. Applicants must have a valid City Resident Card(s) and proof of household income. Program runs from November to December.
 Registration now being accepted.

Assistance provided by donations from local businesses, organizations and individual contributors.

To sign up or for more information, please call Community Services at (323) 887-4460.



VETERANS DAY Ceremony

Sunday, November 11, 2012
10 a.m.
 Veterans Memorial Park
 6364 Zindell Ave., Commerce



Light Refreshments will be served
 Bus Shuttle Transportation will be provided

The Department of Parks and Recreation Presents



TURKEY TROT
Established 1991

Saturday, November 17
 Check-in: 6:30 – 7:45 a.m.
 5K Run begins at 8:00 a.m.

Members of the public of all ages are invited to the City of Commerce Annual 5K Turkey Trot run in the residential area of Rosewood Park.

Souvenir T-Shirts on sale for a nominal fee.

Registration Now Open

For more information, call the Sports Office at (323) 887-4432

The Department of Parks and Recreation Presents

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Monday December 3
6 p.m.
 City Hall Steps
 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce

Join city officials and Miss Commerce as they light the Community Tree.
 This year's theme is Pajama Jam and residents are invited to come dressed in their favorite pajamas.
 The celebration will include entertainment, refreshments and a visit from Santa.

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

It's a Pajama Jam!

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COMMERCE COLLEGE FAIR

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Attendees at the College Fair happily try out one of the new laptops available for check out at Commerce Libraries.

about the event from his counselors. He said he found the financial aid workshops helpful, especially the website addresses that were provided.

The keynote speaker for the event was Jaime Rojas, founder of Rojas Commu-

nications, USC graduate and former president and CEO of the California Chamber of Commerce. Rojas urged students to pursue an education with passion and heart.

"What matters is the passion, ganas (guts), corazon (heart), and the will to want to do good things," he said. He encouraged students to pursue their educational goals and not give into fear and excuses.

During his presentation, Rojas credited his mother for instilling in him a can-do attitude and value for education. He said with her support and the support of other family members, mentors and friends, he was able to succeed.

He urged students to work hard and give back to the community. "You have a responsibility to give 110 percent every single day and to give back," he said. "A toda madre (totally awesome)," said Rojas. "Give it all you've got."

MEASURE AA

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Q. Can the State take away this revenue?

A. No. Because this is a local tax, the State would be required by law to return to the City that portion of revenue collected under Measure AA.

Q. Do other cities have similar local tax measures?

A. Yes. A number of cities, including many throughout Los Angeles County have a local sales tax measure in place, some as high as one cent per dollar. According to a Fiscal Policy Advisor for the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers and the League of California Cities, a total of 34 cities and counties have placed local revenue measures on the November ballot as an economic response to the loss of millions of dollars in revenues to cities like Commerce, due to the State's elimination of Redevelopment funds.

Q. Why did the City place Measure AA on the ballot?

A. Due to the economic climate and the elimination of the City's Redevelopment Agency, the City has had declining revenues that, since 2009, have resulted in \$6 million in reductions and service cuts at libraries, City parks, Camp Commerce, the Senior Center, the Teen Center, and in public safety services. The City also faces an estimated \$30 million in short term unfunded costs for the maintenance and repair of damaged streets and roads due to the impacts caused by large trucks driving through the City every day. Without this proposed revenue source, the City will not be able to continue to provide the level of City services currently provided to our residents and business community.

For more information on Measure AA, please contact the City Administrator's Office at (323) 722-4805, extension 2215.

NOVEMBER DATES TO NOTE



1
Day of the Dead Teen Program, Atlantic Library, 6 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.

4
Daylight Savings Time ends.

5
City Council/Successor Agency Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
(To be held in place of the 11/6 adjourned regular meeting due to the General Election)

Youth Advisory Commission, 7 p.m.
English Book Club, EOC room, 6 p.m.

6
VOTE General Election

7
Senior Citizens Commission, 12:30 p.m.
Traffic Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

8
Community Services Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.

11
Veterans Day

Veterans Memorial Ceremony
Veterans Park, 10 a.m.

12
Veterans Day Observed
City Hall & Libraries Closed

13
I-710 Local Advisory Committee (Ad Hoc) Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

14
Community Task Force Meeting, 3 p.m.

17
5k Turkey Trot Check in: 6:15 a.m.-7:45 a.m.
Race starts 8:10 a.m.

19
Education Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.
Spanish Book Club, EOC room, 6 p.m.

20
City Council/Successor Agency Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Library Embajadores Meeting, EOC room, 6 p.m.

21
Employment Task Force Meeting, 1 p.m.

22
Thanksgiving Day

22-23
Thanksgiving Holiday Observed
City Hall & Libraries Closed

27
Library Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

I-710 Local Advisory Committee (Ad Hoc) Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

28
Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Teen Book Club, EOC Room, 5:30 p.m.

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