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Commerce resident Luis Flores and girlfriend Angela Chiaromonte show off their first place medals in the men's and women's divisions for their respective age categories.

Commerce Celebrates Independence Day



Miss Fourth of July Daniela Gomez sparkled on her special day.

Thousands of people gathered at Rosewood Park to celebrate the birth of America at the City's Annual Independence Day Celebration on July 4.

The day kicked off with the annual 5K Freedom Run in the Rosewood Park area. Approximately 294 runners of all ages participated in the 3.2 mile mini marathon.

The women's overall winner was Andrea York with a time of 21 minutes and 25 seconds followed by runner up Dalilla Vizcarra who finished with a time of 22 minutes and 53 seconds. The men's overall winner was Rico Gutierrez with a time of 17 minutes and 9 seconds followed by runner up Jose Lopez with a time of 17 minutes and 16 seconds.

Official ceremonies began with a welcome and introduction by Master of Ceremonies Steve Campos from Parks and Recreation and Miss 4th

of July Daniela Gomez. They were joined on stage by members of the Royal Court, Young Man of the Year Armando Valencia, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council.

To liven up the early part of the program, residents participated in activities, which included the "Old Fashioned Wagon Decorating Contest" and the annual "Commerce's Got Talent."

The talent show featured residents displaying their talent, which included singers, dancers, rappers and even a contortionist. The City's dance teams were also spotlighted, which included the Jazz, Folklorico, and Tap and Ballet programs.

This year's celebration introduced the Children's Pavilion, consisting of a staging area for kids packed with fun entertainment and activities that included balloon artists, music, a bicycle safety presentation and the "Firecracker 500" picnic games.

Residents and members of the public also had a blast at the 4th of

July carnival, which included a ferris wheel, carnival games and a fun-house.

The highlight of the celebration was a dazzling 30 minute fireworks show provided by Pyro Spectaculars. This year's celebration was made possible through generous sponsorships from the Commerce Casino, which contributed \$15,000 and the 99 Cents Only Stores, which donated \$4,999.99 to the event. The City would like to thank the Commerce Casino and the 99 Cents Only Stores for their donations, as well as Martin's Bike Shop in East Los Angeles, which donated a bicycle for the event raffle.

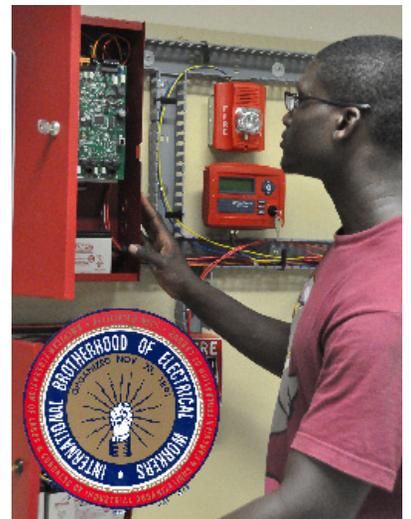
The Annual Independence Day Celebration was coordinated by the Department of Parks and Recreation and televised on Cable Channel 3 by the City's Cable TV staff and volunteers.



The day was filled with laughter as carnival goers enjoyed a variety of exciting amusement park rides.

Get Wired into a New Career

Apprenticeship Program
Applications Being Accepted



In addition to the classroom, each apprentice receives 8,000 hours of on-the-job training. They are employed on a full time basis and "earn as they learn."

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 11 and the Los Angeles County Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) understand that in order to provide safe, quality work, workers must be trained and certified. They do just that through their prestigious Electrical Training Institute of Southern California (ETI).

The Inside Wireman Apprenticeship is an entry level 5 year program into a Union Electrical Construction career. It includes 8,000 hours of paid on the job training and 10 semesters of unpaid classroom training. School is a mandatory component to the program. The program is both state and federally funded and the institute is obligated to follow strict guidelines. This National program also offers college credit and a preparation program to help applicants choose their desired field of work.

ETI Outreach Director Jane Templin emphasizes the apprenticeship program is equal opportunity and often gives those who have had a rough start a second chance.

"This program offers single parents, both men and women, or those who come from at-risk backgrounds a chance to learn a skilled profession that will allow them to provide for their family, maybe buy a home and retire with dignity," explains Templin. "We

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and finding ways to "beat the heat." To help keep residents cool, we have declared City facilities and spray pools as official 'Cooling Stations.' Check out the story on page 3 for more information.

This month we hope you and your family will attend the 30th annual National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 6. Everyone is welcome to stop by any of the block parties being hosted by Neighborhood Watch Block Captains at locations throughout the City. Residents can share their concerns with Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies and firefighters, who will be there alongside City staff and members of the City Council. I encourage you take advantage of this opportunity to find out how to make your neighborhood safer.

Also celebrating a 30th anniversary this month is the Commerce Hotel and Casino. The Commerce Casino opened its doors on August 13, 1983 with just over 100 card tables. Today the Commerce Hotel and Casino is the world's largest poker club that attracts tourists, celebrities and professional poker players from all over the world. In addition to providing nearly 40% of the City's annual revenue to pay for resident programs and services, the Commerce Hotel and Casino is also the City's most prolific philanthropic organization. On behalf of the City Council, thank you to the Commerce Hotel and Casino, a "difference maker" in our community. Congratulations on 30 years of success.

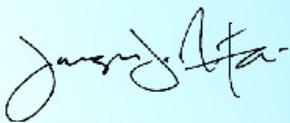
In the February RTTP, we featured resident Chloe Romero, a rising star in competitive speaking. Well it's my pleasure to announce that since that article, Chloe won first place in Humorous Interpretation at the California Speech and Debate State Championship. This qualified her to compete in the High School Speech and Debate National Championship in Birmingham, Alabama where she placed in the top 60 out of 400 competitors. Chloe, we are very proud of this academic achievement and thank you for representing the City of Commerce on a National stage. Way to go Chloe!

I am happy to report that the City Council has once again adopted a balanced budget. The City's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 is \$51,983,322. An important highlight in this year's budget will be the significant boost the Capital Improvement Budget will receive from Measure AA funds. The additional funds from the half cent sales tax measure approved last year by Commerce voters will make a significant difference in the City's future and its ability to repair and upgrade our streets, roads and City facilities.

When we went to press the Council had not yet applied the finishing touches to every part of the budget, however we'll have a full report in the next issue of Report to the People.

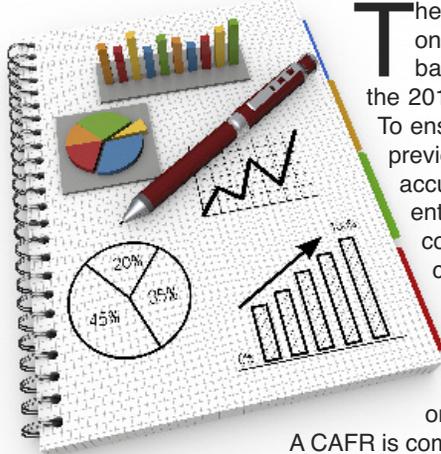
I hope you and your family continue to have a wonderful summer. Don't forget to keep our public safety emergency responders and the men and women in our military in your thoughts. We should all be grateful for the sacrifices they make to protect our Nation.

Sincerely,
 Jorge Rifá




REPORTS SHOW CITY MEETS GOALS & OBJECTIVES

■ CAFR, SINGLE AUDIT REPORT ON FEDERAL AWARDS, & STRATEGIC GOALS



The City Council has once again adopted a balanced budget for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. To ensure records for the previous Fiscal Year are accurate, an independent certified public accounting firm recently completed a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit Report on Federal Awards.

A CAFR is comprised of the City's financial reports and must comply with requirements set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The Single Audit Report of Federal Awards provides assurance to the federal government that the City is managing the funds within the guidelines in which they were awarded.

According to City Finance Director Vilko Domic, these reports are incredibly important to ensure propriety and transparency.

"Financial statements are the main source of accountability of management performance by the shareholders (City Council and the community)," explains Domic. "However, as the management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements, shareholders have to rely on external verification by auditors in order to gain reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatements and can therefore be relied upon to present a true and fair view of the affairs of the organization."

In Spring of 2012, the City Council held Strategic Planning Workshops, in which Council and management staff established six strategic goals developed to improve quality of life for stakeholders in Commerce. According to Deputy City Administrator Fernando Mendoza, the Strategic Plan plays an important role in moving the City forward.

"The City Council identified a set of comprehensive goals and objectives in an effort to create a more streamlined and effective City government," said Mendoza. "Council considers the impact of each decision they make in relation to the 2012 action plan and goals."

The six strategic goals include implementing staff development, growing revenues, improving infrastructure and community beautification, developing a tangible environmental mitigation plan, implementing a strategic communication plan and establishing a timely evaluation process for new ideas.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

■ REGULAR MEETING REPORTS

Regular Meeting of June 18

- Honored the winners of the 2013 Bookmark and Essay Contest.
- Amended an agreement with Converse Consultants to serve as the inspector of record for the new Emergency Operations Center project.
- Authorized staff to accept all work performed by Sequel Contractors, Inc. for the Bristow Park Neighborhood Street Rehabilitation Project.
- Approved the installation of "Keep Clear" pavement markings and related signage on Garfield Avenue and Canning Street.
- Approved an agreement with New World Systems for Standard Software Maintenance for the period covered from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.
- Received and filed a report on the Southeast Cities California Forward Shared Services Project.

Regular Meeting of July 2

- Recognized Connie Ochoa for receiving the 2013 Older American Recognition Award.



Parks and Recreation Director Scott Wasserman presents a commendation to Connie Ochoa (pictured with her family) for receiving the 2013 Older American Recognition Award from the LA County Commission on Older Adults.



Members of the Education Commission presented certificates and backpacks to the Library's Annual Children's Drawing and Essay Contest winners.

- Approved the agreement between the City and A-Z Bus Sales, Inc. for the use of a loaner bus.
- Authorized the adoption of the Gateway Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.
- Approved an agreement with the International Institute of Los Angeles regarding the Immediate Needs Transportation Program.
- Approved a comment letter to the City of Bell concerning the draft Environmental Impact Report for the Bell Business Center Project.
- Authorized an increase to the CalMet Services, Inc. service rate structure.
- Eliminated the eight year term limit for City Commission, Committees, and Boards.
- Adjourned in memory of the 19 firefighters who lost their lives fighting the fire in Prescott, AZ; Wouter Von Lutzow, former City employee; and Ruby Batres, daughter of former City Council member Ruben Batres.

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THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN

AND SHE'S SNIFFING OUT THE BAD GUYS



Deputy Guillermo Loza and his K9 partner Tula are both highly-trained explosives experts for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

saved many lives."

Like many dogs, this canine crime fighter has a sense of smell

Tula is a 3 1/2 year old black Labrador whose name in German means strength. She is a military veteran and the new highly-trained K9 in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Services Division, Explosives Detection/Threat Interdiction K-9 Unit.

Tula began her assignment in June and according to Deputy Guillermo Loza, Tula's partner and handler, the City is fortunate to have such a highly-qualified deputy working this area.

"As a United States Marine, Tula was deployed to Afghanistan on three different occasions where she assisted military Explosive Ordinance Disposal units and helped them locate improvised explosive devices," said Deputy Loza. "She located over 50 I.E.D.s and even though she sustained injuries, she

thousands of times better than humans. In fact, a study was conducted in which a number of different objects were sprayed with skunk odor and trained dogs were still able to distinguish the objects from each other. It's virtually impossible to throw off a dog by trying to cover up one odor with another. A dog's noseprint is as unique as a human's fingerprint.



K9 Tula demonstrates how she sniffs out explosives.

When Tula is not on duty, she goes home with Deputy Loza and is a member of his family. This intensifies their bond which is critical to their working relationship. In the midst of tracking down potential dangers, they rely on one another completely. Tula relies on direction from her partner and Deputy Loza relies on her expertise to give him the all clear. It's how they return home safe.

beat the heat



City of Commerce

Cooling Stations

On days of extreme heat when the temperature is forecast to be 95 degrees or above, the City of Commerce will provide much needed relief by declaring City facilities as "Cooling Stations" for the public

The City operates air conditioned facilities, which include four City parks, each with an outdoor spray pool for children; four libraries; an indoor swimming pool at the Brenda Villa Aquatic Center; the Commerce Teen Center and the Commerce Senior Center. Except for the indoor pool, the facilities are free of charge to enter.

City parks will also show family movies and provide cold water during operating hours from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The age limit at City spray pools will be waived and the Senior Center will be kept open on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

For hours of operation or other information, please call the facility you would like to visit:

Brenda Villa Aquatic Center (323) 887-4407	Senior Citizens Center (323) 887-4430
Bandini Park (323) 887-4425	Central Library (323) 722-6660
Bristow Park (323) 269-5603	Atlantic Library (323) 887-4494
Rosewood Park (323) 887-4427	Bristow Park Library (323) 887-4492
Veterans Park (562) 927-1515	Greenwood Library
Teen Center (323) 264-4665	(562) 927-1516

did you know?

Laws Protect Pets & People



Regardless of how obedient a dog may be, walking an animal on leash is a basic safety precaution for both the animal and the public. The law says a dog must be in the control of a competent person and on a substantial leash not exceeding six feet when off property. The penalty for not having a dog leashed in the City of Commerce is \$250, not including court fees if the violation is contested. Experts remind dog owners that there are environmental elements out of one's control that can spark an unleashed dog to react unexpectedly such as a loud noise or another animal. An unleashed, frightened animal may run off into traffic and get hit by a car or bicyclist, possibly causing injury to more than just the animal.

It is also important to understand the difference between leashing, which is required by the law, and tethering, which is against the law. Tethering a dog to a stationary object for an extended period of time is illegal even if it is done on the owner's property. Tethering can be a safety hazard for the dog as it is not uncommon for the animal to accidentally choke or hang itself. An owner may temporarily tether a dog no longer than is necessary for the person to complete a temporary task. The penalty for tethering a dog is an infraction and an assessed penalty of \$250 on the first conviction. If the animal suf-

fers serious bodily injury because of the tethering, the fine is increased to \$1,000 and the violation becomes a misdemeanor. If convicted of the misdemeanor, an owner may also face imprisonment in county jail.

Since the housing market crisis, there has also been an increase in abandoned animals. Families who move or are evicted from their home often do not have the resources or are unable to take their animals with them. Unfortunately, animals are being left behind to fend for themselves. This not only becomes a dire situation for the animal but can quickly turn into a neighborhood nuisance issue. A person who willfully abandons any animal is guilty of a misdemeanor in the State of California. If convicted, a person may face imprisonment in county jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Residents are urged to report any suspected animal abuse or neglect. All reports will be investigated and most can be done anonymously. The City's two Animal Control Officers are trained to handle both exotic and domestic animals. Residents can report an animal issue by calling (323) 887-4460, ext. 2236 during regular business hours which are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. When the City's animal control officers are not on duty, the City contracts with LA County Animal Control for continuous service. They can be reached at (562) 940-6898.

City of Commerce for Safety Sake:

Improving home security & preventing burglaries

Open windows and doors can help you keep cool during summer nights, but they also give burglars the opportunity to steal your prized possessions. Here are a few tips from the Public Safety Division to make sure your home is secure:

- Lock all doors and windows at night.
- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.

- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to pick it up.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 9-1-1 immediately.

For more information, contact Public Safety Manager Laura Tilley at (323) 887-4460 ext. 2870.

YES!

LEADERSHIP & MENTORING PROGRAM

YES Program Provides Youth Valuable Work Experience

By YES Worker Daisy Rodriguez

As summer has arrived so has the hunt for summer jobs. Summer jobs are, by definition, temporary but the benefits they provide can last long after the job is over. The City offers the Youth Education and Service (YES) Program for Commerce teens in which they can gain job experience over the summer. This program focuses on helping youth develop the knowledge, experience and self-confidence needed to succeed in a professional work environment.

"The YES Program has provided me with an opportunity to give back to my community, while allowing me to gain experience for future employment. I know I have a better chance of getting a job now that I have work experience," said YES Worker Yessenia Pitones

Working in the YES Program also gives teens the experience of a daily routine of getting up, getting ready and going to work. Participants also can get a feel for what it is like to work a full time job and a clearer idea of what type of job they want to pursue in the future.

Other benefits include building references, mentoring from City staff and developing strong social skills. "It is my second year in the YES Program and it has really improved my communication skills and confidence," said YES Worker Alyssa Samano.

To qualify, teens must be 14 to 19 years-of-age and have a current Resident Activity Card. Applicants can work in one of the City's many departments including, Administration, Community Services, Community Development, Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Development Services, Library Services or Transportation.

YES Workers Antonio Medina and Yessenia Pitones are spending their summer gaining work experience in the Commerce Central Library.



LIBRARY NEWS

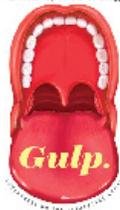
Summer Reading Program Ending Celebration is August 15

The last day to register for the Summer Reading Program is Monday, August 5 and the last day to report is Saturday, August 10.

Having trouble choosing a book to read? Here are a few book recommendations that are guaranteed to pique your interest.

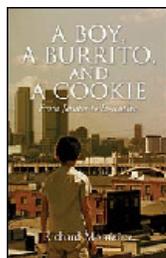
ADULT BOOK Gulp by Mary Roach

Mary Roach



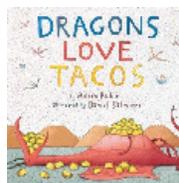
America's funniest science writer (Washington Post) takes us down the hatch on an unforgettable tour. Why is crunchy food so appealing? Why is it so hard to find words for flavors and smells? Why doesn't the stomach digest itself? How much can you eat before your stomach bursts? Can constipation kill you? Did it kill Elvis? In Gulp we meet scientists who tackle the questions no one else thinks of—or has the courage to ask.

TEEN BOOK A Boy, A Burrito, and A Cookie by Richard Montañez



Once a janitor, author Richard Montañez developed the Flaming hot line of products, including Flamin' Hot Cheetos - which is Frito-Lay's top selling snack. The story he has to tell isn't really an autobiography, but a story for everyone. A Boy, A Burrito, and A Cookie will give you the antidote to fear, and once you read these chapters, you'll never again allow fear to stop you from achieving the life and success you are intended to live and enjoy.

CHILD BOOK Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin



Very few kids or, for that matter adults, know that dragons are avid partygoers. But, as this hilarious new story demonstrates, throwing a successful dragon party is harder than you might expect. In such festivities, food is the main course, and for ravenous dragons the second, third, and fourth courses. As the title of Adam Rubin's picture book suggests,

dragons have a special hankering for Mexican cuisine, especially tacos. It is important, however, to remember that these fire-breathing creatures are especially vulnerable to spicy portions. Remember: Jalapenos can lend a whole new meaning to "housewarming."

SRP ENDING CELEBRATION

Don't miss the Summer Reading Program Ending Celebration, featuring "The Amazing Chris" circus comedy show with juggling, unicycle action and zany acrobatics. The event will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 15 in the Veterans Park Gym.

did you know?

Next month is Library Card Sign-up Month and it's a great way to begin the new school year. Parents are reminded that a library card is the most important school supply of all. The City of Commerce has four library branches, please stop by and get your card today!

Program Offers New Opportunities



Commerce resident and MUSD Explorer Karla Perez plans to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Collectively, the explorers in the MUSD program logged more than 1,400 community service hours this past year, having a real presence in the community.

The explorers come from all different backgrounds. MUSD PD Chief Linh Dinh said that some cadets may have more challenges than others but they find a way to persevere. "One of our kids came from a broken home and grew up being bounced from foster home to foster home," explained the Chief Dinh. "When Explorer Program Post 640 was established in 2009, she became one of our founding members. Since then, she reached our second highest ranking position, helped establish our Explorer Color Guard, is a recent program graduate and now will be attending Cal State LA."

The program advisors are all volunteers. They dedicate their time to mentor the young recruits in law enforcement and beyond. Chief Dinh said it is not usual to see advisors stay

The Montebello Unified School District (MUSD) Police Department offers young adults 14-20 years-of-age opportunity to be trained in several areas of law enforcement by way of their Explorer program.

Recently, 30 police Explorers graduated from the program and many of them are moving on to college. Others are entering the military or law enforcement training with agencies like the Los Angeles Police Department and the

late with cadets to help fill out college applications. He says he also spends a great deal of time writing letters of recommendation for the Explorers. He was quick to point out the sacrifices made by the Explorers and their families. "These kids miss football games, birthday parties and family events. And they're not being paid," said Chief Linh. "It instills a strong work ethic and incredible respect for public service. I couldn't be prouder of them."

Post 640 is unique in that they have an all female Color Guard which may be due in part to an increased interest in the program from young women. The selection process is stringent beginning with an application and interview for those qualified candidates. Program criteria include:

- A minimum 2.0 grade point average
- No record of serious arrests or convictions
- Good moral character
- A willingness to serve and participate in Explorer activities
- Medical examination clearance
- Learning for Life registration

Residents interested in the program may pick up an application at the MUSD police station located at 500 N. Hendrix Street in Montebello. For more information, visit www.montebello.k12.ca.us/musdpd_explorers.



The Explorers participate in many events, but the most gratifying may be that of a role model and interacting with younger children.

Bristow Park

1466 S. McDonnell Ave.
(323) 269-5603
Monday - Friday
10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm
Summer Weekend Hours
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Named after the City's second Mayor, James Bristow, Bristow Park offers residents an array of activities and amenities. The sprawling grounds feature two baseball diamonds, three full basketball courts, two handball courts, 19 barbecue grills, four pagodas, the Boy Scout hut, spray pool, playground, snack bar, library and community center. The City offers organized youth sports in basketball, flag football, soccer, softball and volleyball. Organized adult leagues may also reserve facilities when available. Park staff has seen a slight drop in resident participation and hopes they can turn that around.

"We have a beautiful, safe park and a friendly staff," said Laura Logan, Bristow Park Supervisor. "We would love to see more Bristow Park residents utilize the facility to the fullest, participating in all the fun activities we offer."

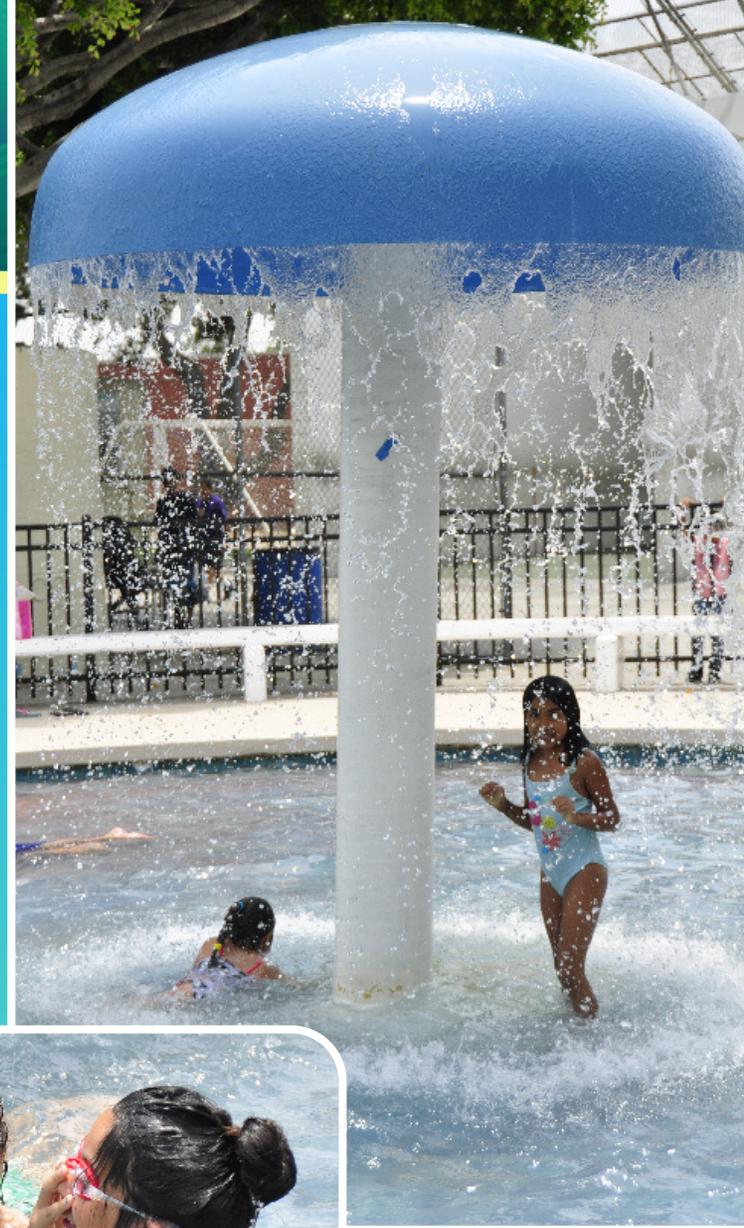
The Bristow Park Community Center features a boxing gym, arts and crafts room, dance studio, game room, pre-school room and meeting rooms. Meeting rooms feature a full kitchen and are available for rent. English as Second Language and parenting classes are scheduled regularly by the Montebello Unified School District.

Buses- Bristow Park is served by two Commerce City Bus Routes. The Red Bus line will take residents to Bristow Park from other areas of the City and takes Bristow residents to the Commerce Shopping Center. Conversely, the Blue Bus line will take Bristow residents to other areas of the City.

New Services- Recently the City Council approved the "El Sol" East Los Angeles Shuttle System operated by Los Angeles County that now provides transportation to over 300 Commerce students that attend LAUSD schools.

There are also plans in the works for upgrades at Bristow Park including a spray pad for children similar to those seen at malls and shopping centers like Universal City Walk. Spray pads consist of ground nozzles that spray water upwards out of the splash pad's raindeck.

Residents are encouraged to visit Bristow Park so they can utilize programs, services and all of the on-site recreation facilities.



Spray Pool

During the summer, this is one of the most popular spots at the park. This shallow pool is for children 11 years and under or up to 4 feet in height. When the temperature rises past 95 degrees the age limit is waived and all ages can enjoy the cool water. Although the pool is only one foot deep, a lifeguard is always present during operating hours to monitor the safety of the swimmers. Children must be accompanied by an adult, wear proper swim wear and small children in diapers must wear swimmer diapers.

Boxing Gym

The Commerce Boxing Club has made quite a name by training championship caliber boxers and this is where they all start. Participants are trained in basic, safe boxing techniques and may continue recreationally or move on to a competitive level. Home to several Olympic boxers like Javier and Oscar Molina, the facility has a regulation size ring, cardio and weight equipment as well as standard boxing equipment.



Library

Of the four City parks, Bristow is the only one to feature a library. Connected to the Community Center, the library offers more than just books. Residents can check out laptops, nooks and readers for seven days at a time. Magazines, Blu Ray Discs, DVD and CD's are also available to rent. Residents can stop by to use any of the 12 computers: nine within the computer lab, two in the main area for homework use and one touch screen computer designated for children 8 years and under. In addition to the vast collection of fiction and non-fiction for all age groups, the library also features books in Spanish for both children and adults.



Whether it's a team or a one on one pick-up game, the three full basketball courts are very popular.



Teens enjoy the game room which includes foosball, pool table and a television viewing area.



In an effort to promote healthy living, the City installed exercise equipment for residents to enjoy.

The Gallery



YES PROGRAM TEACHES VALUABLE SKILLS



YES Workers Alyssa Somoano and Daisy Rodriguez are learning print layout and graphic design in the Public Information Office's Graphics and Printing Division.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF ROSEWOOD PARK



The Woman's Club of Rosewood Park presented a check to Library Director Beariz Sarmiento for the Commerce Scholarship Program.

A COMMITMENT TO OUR VETERANS



The City of Commerce was proud to host the Annual American GI Forum State Conference in June. Local Veteran and State Commander Howard Hernandez organized the event.

THANK YOU COMMERCE CASINO AND 99 CENTS ONLY STORES



Commerce residents say thank you to the Commerce Casino and the 99 Cents Only Stores for their generous contributions to the City's Independence Day Celebration.

5K FREEDOM RUN WINNERS



From l. to r. are Men's Overall winner Rico Gutierrez, Women's Overall winner Andrea York, Oldest Female runner Martha Torres and Oldest Male runner Raymundo Torres.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



Residents enjoyed a spectacular fireworks show and carnival rides at the City's annual Independence Day celebration.

CRUSHING THE COMPETITION



The Commerce Crush Girl's Volleyball Team recently traveled to the Anaheim Convention Center and the Anaheim Sports Center in Orange County to compete in a regional tournament.

SUMMER SAFARI MOVIE NIGHTS



Movie nights are hosted at Commerce parks throughout the summer. Pictured at the Summer Safari Kickoff are Miss Clippers Alyssa Rubio, Miss Commerce Shawnese Perea and Miss Cinco de Mayo Kimberly Jimenez.



AUGUST 2013

COMMERCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

LA COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUNDUP

Saturday, August 3
LA County Household Hazardous Waste Roundup, Rio Hondo College (Parking Lot A), 9 a.m-3 p.m.

Saturday, August 10
LA County Household Hazardous Waste Roundup, Los Angeles County Office of Education, 9 a.m-3 p.m.

1

Wildlife Learning Center
Animal Show,
Bristow Park Library,
6 p.m.

Parks & Recreation
Commission
6 p.m.

2

Senior Citizen Weekend at
Camp Commerce

3

Old Spanish Days in
Santa Barbara Excursion
8 a.m.

4

We are what we
repeatedly do.
Excellence,
therefore, is
not an act but
a habit.
Aristotle

5

City Council/Successor
Agency 6:30 p.m.

Youth Advisory Commission
7 p.m.

6

National Night Out,
6 p.m.

7

Tiny Travelers Excursion:
Marina Del Rey
Mother's Beach
9 a.m.

Senior Citizens Commission
12:30 p.m.

Traffic Commission
6:30 p.m.

8

Community Services
Commission
6 p.m.

9

Community Dodger
Firework Night
7:10 p.m.

Family Weekend at
Camp Commerce

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Last day to report for the
Summer Reading Program

San Juan Hills Golf
Course Tournament,
10 a.m.

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Education Commission
6 p.m.

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Generosity is
giving more
than you can, and
pride is taking
less
than you need.
**Khalil
Gibran**

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Summer Reading
Program Ending Party,
Veterans Park,
7 p.m.

16

Senior Day at
Camp Commerce

Teen Center: Huntington
Beach Bonfire
11 a.m.

Family Weekend at Camp
Commerce

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Santa Barbara Zoo
Excursion
8 a.m.

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Family Week at Camp
Commerce

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

City Council/Successor
Agency 6:30 p.m.

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Tiny Travelers Excursion:
Summer Sounds at the
Hollywood Bowl
9 a.m.

Back to School Night,
Greenwood Library,
5 p.m.

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Teen Center: Corona Del
Mar Beach Bonfire
11 a.m.

Family Weekend at
Camp Commerce

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Teen Center: Magic
Mountain Trip
8 a.m.

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Spanish Book Club,
EOC Room,
6 p.m.

Active Adult Week at
Camp Commerce

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Library Commission
5:30 p.m.

28

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

Planning Commission
6:30 p.m.

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Nothing great
was ever
achieved
without
enthusiasm.
**Ralph Waldo
Emerson**

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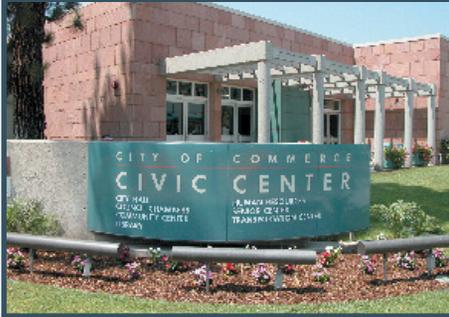
Summer End Celebration,
Rosewood Park,
6:30 p.m.

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COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL



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Ivan Altamirano, Councilmember
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Animal Control	
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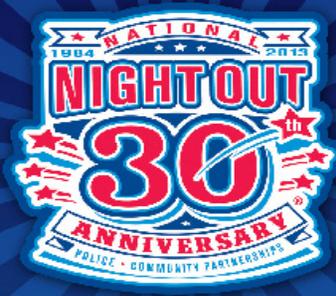
The Los Angeles County Fire Department
and the Office of LA County Supervisor Gloria Molina



August 10, 17 & 24
Montebello Park Elm School
6300 Northside Drive
LA, CA 90022.

Learn emergency preparedness and response techniques from public safety professionals. Participants who complete all three sessions and pass the final exam will be certified by the Los Angeles County Fire Department and receive a free CERT backpack with essential emergency response equipment.
To register or for more information on this free training opportunity visit www.cert.lacounty.gov or contact Emergency Services at Supervisor Molina's office at (323) 851-1631.

CITY OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2013

JOIN US FOR OUR 30TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!
Your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain will be hosting a barbecue-style block party and YOU'RE INVITED!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is a fun, family event that promotes safety and crime prevention. Deputy Sheriffs, firefighters, Community Safety Specialists and City officials will visit each party to provide safety information and listen to your concerns. The City provides hot dogs, safety materials, giveaways and safety presentations at each party.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is a Commerce tradition. Join our crime fighting efforts, enjoy a barbecue and meet our CRIME PREVENTION TEAM.

YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN WILL CONTACT YOU ABOUT THE STARTING TIME AND LOCATION OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY

For additional information, contact Laura Tilley at (323) 887-4480 ext.2870.

CITY OF COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

COMMUNITY DODGER NIGHT!

FRIDAY NIGHT August 9, 2013 **FIREWORKS** **GAME TIME 7:10 p.m.** **\$14.00**

LA VS TAMPA BAY RAYS

MEET MISS DODGERS BRIGIT K. ESCOBAR

Join Miss Dodgers Brigitt K. Escobar at our very own Community Dodger Night. Purchase your tickets and register for bus transportation beginning June 17, 2013 at the Department of Parks and Recreation. For more information, please contact (323) 887-4434.

Electrical Training Institute

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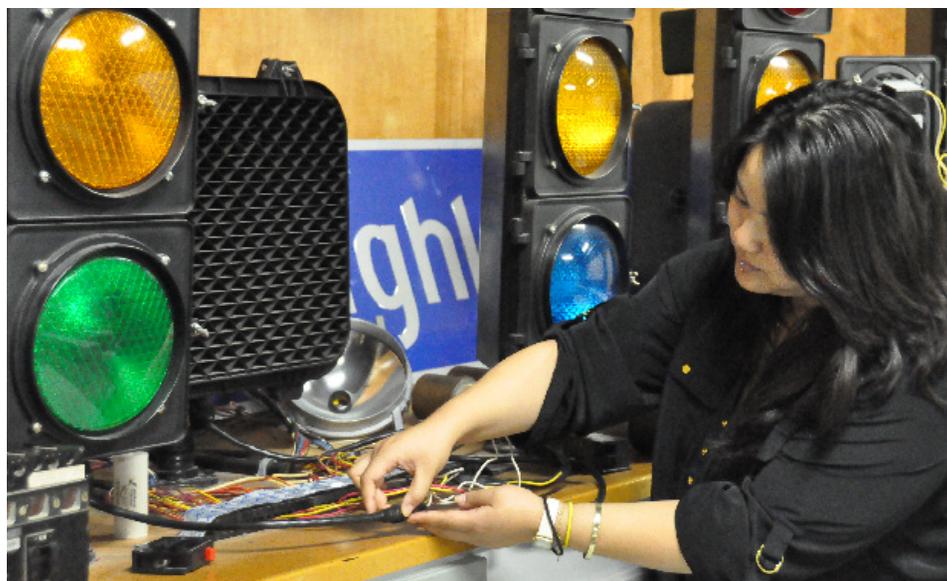
have one graduate who grew up in South Central Los Angeles, was involved in gangs, drugs and served hard time. His name is John Harriel, he graduated as apprentice of the year and is now a General Foreman and sits on our Joint Apprenticeship Training Trust Board."

Applications and testing will be accepted in person on Wednesday, August 28, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am only. In order to be eligible for an interview you must submit an application with the following required documents: Driver's License, original Social Security Card (proof of citizenship), High School diploma or GED, and official sealed transcripts showing two semesters of High School algebra, with a C or better. Veterans may have their entrance exam waived if they have been separated from the military within five years of applying and can bring a DD214 showing an honorable discharge.

The required written exam will begin on the same day immediately after the submission of applications. Oral interviews will be held four weeks after completion of the written exam but only for those who passed. A score of 70% or

better is required to obtain a qualified status. A study guide for the exam is available at the ETI facility for \$15.00.

For details, visit www.laett.com or call (323) 221-5881.



Students undergo 1,100 hours of classroom study and learn the full scope of the electrical construction and telecommunication trades, among them, traffic signals and transportation.

City Channel 3

AUGUST FEATURED HIGHLIGHTS

Award Winning Cablecasts of Commerce 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 11:00 a.m., Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

Commerce City News
Mondays at 9 a.m., Tuesdays at 10 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 Public Affairs Show Featuring Southern California Edison
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 7:30 p.m.