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Nearly 100 employers were on hand to talk with job seekers about employment. According to a recent jobs report, there has been a rise in employment opportunities in the service and hospitality industries.

City of Commerce Partners with Retail Giant to Connect Employers and Job Seekers

The Commerce Employment and Business Development Center together with the Citadel Outlets hosted the 5th Annual Citadel-Commerce Job Fair, on September 11, at the Citadel Outlets. More than 100 retail and non-retail businesses hiring full and part time employees were invited to the job fair. The event was open to the public and attracted thousands of job seekers throughout the day.

One of those seeking employment was Commerce resident and East Los Angeles College student Ashley Aleman, who says she needs to find a job to help her pay for school. "I'm going to transfer to UCLA next year and books are very expensive. I'm so thankful the City and the Citadel hosted this job fair."

Applicants were prepared with resume in hand and many interviews were conducted on the spot. The event provided a unique opportunity for job seekers to meet face to face with potential employers. "So much is done online now, it's actually nice to speak to someone in person," said Connie Soria, a mother of two. "I'm here meeting all these people because I need a job; I have to feed my children. I want to work and I hope I find it here today."

Both women said they were glad to hear about all the job resources offered by the City.

The State's Employment Development Department's annual Labor

Day Briefing shows California employers have added jobs for 25 straight months which is the longest streak in the nation. The report also indicates that opportunities in the professional and business services, and leisure and hospitality industries are leading the way, producing well over half of the new jobs. This is good news for residents as Commerce is home to many jobs in these prospering fields.

Residents are encouraged to contact the City's Employment and

Business Development Center (EBDC), a resource that was established in 1982 to connect employers and job seekers by promoting employment opportunities to the public at no cost to either party. The EBDC offers job preparation classes, employment events and job referral services throughout the year. For more information, please contact Liz Chavez, Senior Employment Services Representative at (323) 887-4461 or lizc@ci.commerce.ca.us.



Commerce Launches New Metrolink Commuter Shuttle Service



The City launched the new Commerce Metrolink Commuter Shuttle Service in September. The service connects passengers that travel to the Commerce Metrolink Station on East 26th Street to regional public transportation networks including Commerce's free bus system, Montebello Bus Lines and Metro.

"This expansion of the City's transportation network has great potential to increase public transit ridership and reduce negative environmental impacts associated with single person auto commuting," said Commerce Transportation Director Claude McFerguson. He added that it also helps commuters save money, reduce stress and enjoy a more productive trip to work.

The new shuttle service, which started on September 2, features 16 stops near many of the City's largest employers including Unified Grocers, Alta Med, Bank of America, the Citadel Outlets, the Commerce Casino and Commerce City Hall.

The service operates weekdays from 7 a.m. to 9:31 a.m. in the morning and from 2:45 p.m. to 5:46 p.m. in the afternoon serving all Metrolink commuter trains that stop at the East 26th Street Station in Commerce.

In addition, Metrolink has a program called the "Corporate Partner Program" which helps employers and their employees save money. For more information on how the Corporate Partner Program and other Metrolink programs and services can help you stay on track, visit their website at www.metrolinktrains.com.

The Commerce Metrolink Commuter Service was developed through a partnership between the City and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority and funded through the Federal Transit Administration. For details, call (323) 887-4419.

Commerce continues to provide quality programs and services through our parks, libraries and other departments in a safe environment maintained by a robust public safety program. Commerce has continued this level of service while moving forward on projects like the new Emergency Operations Center, residential street improvements and the Central Library Renovation Project.

With the street repairs in the Bandini and Rosewood areas complete and the re-pavement for the Bristow Park neighborhood located west of the 710 in the design phase, we're also preparing to start work on the Central Library Renovation Project and the Washington Boulevard Reconstruction Project. While both projects will cause some inconvenience during construction, they will also provide great benefits to the community for years to come so we humbly ask for your patience as we improve what the City of Commerce has to offer.

This focus on infrastructure projects represents progress. In less than a year, the City has dramatically enhanced our transportation system with expanded routes, service areas and increased connectivity with other regional public transportation networks.

This new era in Commerce transportation started with the Citadel Outlets Express bus line that started in December of 2012. The new bus line travels to and from downtown Los Angeles and has a weekly ridership of 1,500 passengers. This service has enabled members of the workforce to commute to and from their place of employment while benefitting the local economy by transporting tourists and consumers to exciting destinations like the Commerce Casino, the Citadel Outlets and nearby businesses.

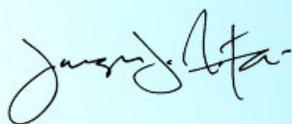
An even newer addition to the City's transportation system is the Metrolink Shuttle Service, which commenced service in September. The new service connects commuters that travel to the Commerce Metrolink Station on East 26th Street to regional public transportation networks including Commerce's free bus system, Montebello Bus Lines and Metro.

We've also collaborated with County Supervisor Gloria Molina to expand the East Los Angeles 'El Sol' shuttle service to Commerce residents in the Bristow Park area. The fare for the 'El Sol' shuttle, which also started in September, is only 25 cents and it's free to seniors, people with disabilities, children under five and Metro pass holders. These investments in transportation by Commerce and other government agencies helps reduce emissions and connect people to the places they need and want to be. Public transportation moves people, creates jobs and generates economic activity that benefits our community and business residents. Thank you to Supervisor Molina for her efforts to expand the El Sol Shuttle Service to benefit Commerce residents.

We also owe her a debt of gratitude for her leadership in working with the Council to bring an end to a proposed probation facility in the City of Commerce. See the full story in Municipal Notes.

Enjoy the month of October and don't forget to review the new Fall Brochure to find out about exciting Halloween programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Have a safe and happy Halloween!




MUNICIPAL NOTES

PLANS FOR AB 109 FACILITY IN COMMERCE AVERTED

Under the watchful eye of the Commerce City Council, a plan to bring a county facility for recent parolees into the City was averted. Following a decision by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals which ordered California to reduce the prison population, Governor Jerry Brown signed the realignment legislation (AB109). In addition to reducing the prison population through early release, the legislation requires supervision of the parolees to be transferred from the State to the County. The County was searching for a location for their AB 109 facility and selected Commerce as a possible location.

The City was in communication with a number of agencies to discuss the impacts this proposed land use would have on

the public and to organize opposition to this component of the AB 109 realignment plan. Thanks to the leadership of Supervisor Gloria Molina and the Commerce City Council, the plan to locate the AB 109 facility in Commerce has been terminated.

"We were deeply troubled by the detrimental impacts an influx of 1,900 to 2,500 monthly visits from local parolees would pose to our community which includes the City's daytime population of more than 55,000 workers and tourists visiting destinations like the Citadel Outlets and the Commerce Casino," said City Administrator Jorge Rifá. "We are thankful for the support of Supervisor Molina. She was instrumental in preventing this facility from being located in our community."

COUNCIL ACTIONS

REGULAR MEETING REPORTS

Regular Meeting of September 3, 2013

- Commended Assistant Director of Public Works and Development Services Danilo Batson for his service to the City of Commerce.
- Honored local teen artist Andrea E. Perez for her acceptance to the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts and for her artwork being selected for the cover of the 2012-2013 yearbook.
- Commended Linda Kay Olivieri for her outstanding service to the City and on the occasion of her retirement.
- Proclaimed September 2013 as National Preparedness Month in the City of Commerce.
- Approved an amendment to the personnel classification and compensation plan.
- Approved a professional services agreement with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. to revise the City's industrial and commercial facilities program and to perform routine site assessments for stormwater compliance as required by the National Pollution Elimination Discharge System.
- Approved a professional services agreement with JM Diaz, Inc. for design and engineering services for City Project No. 1305, the Telegraph Road Street Improvement Project.
- Approved an amendment to the professional services agreement for design and engineering services with RBF Consulting for the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project.
- Approved additional expenditures for the completion of all work performed under the Bristow Park Neighborhood Street Rehabilitation Project.
- Amended Section 3.5.2, Table 3-1, Table 3-2, and Section 3.5.4.7 of the City of Commerce General Plan Digital bill board policy.
- Amended Title 19 of the Commerce Municipal Code relevant to zoning.
- Approved an investigation into claims made in an anonymous letter read into the record during the Public Comment portion of the July 16 City Council Meeting.
- Approved the selection of Kelly Associates Management Group to conduct an organizational assessment of the Public Works and Development Services Department.
- Approved a professional services agreement with PCR to assist staff with review of environmental documentation in compliance with CEQA for the proposed Commerce retail center project at the Southwest corner of Atlantic Boulevard and Washington Boulevard.
- Authorized a new environmental site liability insurance policy for 5675 Telegraph Road, including the addition of 5710 Smithway Street.

Regular Meeting of August 20, 2013

- Recognized community and youth volunteers, as well as businesses that participated in the 3rd Annual Cleanup Commerce.
- Approved an amendment to the personnel classification and compensation plan.
- Approved a request for proposal for the installation, maintenance and storage of holiday decorations.
- Approved a resolution for easement policy requirements related to the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project.
- Approved an amendment to the agreement between the City of Commerce and Gateway Cities Council of Governments for design and construction of the Truck Impacted Intersection Project Phase II.

- Rescinded and terminated an agreement with the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement creating the West San Gabriel Valley Consortium.
- Authorized the City Administrator to communicate the City's support for the third amendment to the judgment in the matter of the Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District.
- Approved an agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.
- Approved an agreement with Bob Murray and Associates.
- Approved an agreement with Intellibridge Partners to provide interim city clerk services to the City.
- Approved the first amendment to an agreement with the City of Los Angeles for contract number C-117931.
- Approved a new commuter transit route for the Commerce Metrolink 26th Street Station.
- Approved a professional services agreement with environmental science associates to update permitted uses in the City's commercial and manufacturing zones.
- Received and filed a report on AB109 the Public Safety Realignment Act.
- Approved amendment No. 2 to the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund Project Baseline Agreement between the California Transportation Commission, the California Department of Transportation, and the City of Commerce for the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project.
- Adjourned in memory of longtime resident Louis Pino.



Steve Craig from the Citadel Outlets presented checks to youth groups who participated in the recent Commerce Cleanup.

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Emergency Responders to the Rescue

Employees Trained to Help Commerce First



Miguel Romero (bottom, center) leads the 20 member, all City employee Urban Search and Rescue Team who train monthly with the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Earthquakes, fires, hazardous material spills. The possibility of a major disaster in our area is real. Lucky for Commerce residents the City has their own highly-trained Urban Search and Rescue Team to respond in such situations.

The 20-member team made up of City employees trains monthly alongside the Los Angeles County Fire department and learns technical rescue operations including structural collapse and confined space and trench rescue. The team members are also certified by the State in System Rescue 1. This basic skills training includes: team organization, rescue, environmental considerations, use of ropes, knots rigging and pulley systems, descending, rappelling, the use of tools and

techniques, subsurface rescue techniques, use of cribbing, wedges, cutting/prying and hydraulic tools, use of fire service ladders in specialized rescue situations and day and night rescue exercises.

Miguel Romero is the Assistant Emergency Preparedness Officer and manages the City's USAR team. "We have employees from different areas in the City like the library, park maintenance, transportation and lifeguards," said Romero. "They all bring a special skill set and their own area of expertise." The City's USAR team can be called up at anytime to respond to a disaster. In 2003, the USAR team was deployed to assist with a train derailment in the City of Commerce. And while that was potentially a major accident, the team can also respond to incidents like power outages.

The City of Commerce is unique to have their own USAR team. Security and safety is a top priority for City leaders which is why the USAR team was created. "We want to ensure our residents are taken care of and the way to do that is to be as self reliant as possible," said Romero. "We are a small city, in the event of a major disaster, first responders may be required to attend to a more densely populated area first, we can activate our emergency operations and help our own residents immediately."

Reporting Train Issues

Keeping Tabs on Noise and Air Pollution



Living in an industrial community has its benefits, but can also have its drawbacks. For instance, train horns can be a nuisance, however they are required by federal law to be sounded at all public crossings, 24 hours a day, to warn motorists and pedestrians that a train is approaching. Train crews may also sound their horns when there is a vehicle, person or animal on or near the track and the crew determines it is appropriate to provide warning. Crews may also sound the horn when there are track or construction workers within 25 feet of a live track or when gates and lights at the crossing are not functioning properly.

When should you call? Here are some examples:

- Hazardous materials releases
- Personal injuries
- Criminal activities
- Illegal dumping
- Vehicles stuck / stalled on the tracks or other track obstructions
- Other environmental issues, such as:
 - Engines with excessive smoke
 - Idling locomotives
 - Petroleum spills

Who should you call?

BNSF - 800-832-5452
Union Pacific - 888-877-7267 or to report non-emergency situations within the state of California, please call 916-789-6114.

Reporting a Smoke, Dust or Odor Complaint

The AQMD asks that you call them at 1-800-CUT-SMOG if you smell a strong odor or see a lot of dust or smoke in your neighborhood. Think of ways to describe the emissions and try to identify their source. For example, it smells like rotten eggs, spoiled cabbage, burned plastic, ammonia, chlorine, garlic, asphalt, or some other familiar material.

Air quality complaint calls are received 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. During business hours (7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday) your call is answered by an attendant and on-line complaints are received by staff. During non-business hours an automated voice system, or the on-line system, will prompt you for the following information:

- The time the air quality incident occurred and whether it is continuing at the time of your call or on-line report
- The nature of the air quality complaint -- smoke, dust, odor, or other
- Whether you have experienced this type of air quality problem in the past
- The wind direction, if known
- The name and address of the alleged source and the type of operation, if known
- Contact information

AQMD maintains personal information, such as name, address and telephone number, as confidential, to the extent allowed by state and federal law.



Trick or Treat

Candy! Candy! Candy! Typically, that's all kids think about at Halloween. So parents must be the ones to think about Safety! Safety! Safety! Even if your child has been taught repeatedly about safely crossing streets or going with strangers, that can all go out the window in the whirlwind of the holiday excitement. Costumes and candy can be a distraction, so here are some "common sense" tips to remember:

- Never, ever go into a stranger's house.
- Always make sure that your parent or guardian is within sight.
- An adult should be supervising trick-or-treaters but if you are not accompanying your child, know the route they are taking.
- Make sure to look in both directions when crossing the street. Even if the street has light traffic, you may see them, but they may not see you so look both ways.
- Make sure your child's costume is fire proof or treated with fire retardant and masks should have eye holes large enough for good peripheral vision.
- Feeding your child a meal before they go out might prevent them from eating candy before you have time to inspect it.
- Talk to your kids about not partaking in mischievous behavior like vandalism or cruelty to animals which tends to increase around this holiday.

Don't forget about pet safety during this holiday. The constant ring of the doorbell, excited children and scary costumes can be frightful for animals so here are some ideas from experts to help your four-legged family members through Halloween:

- Keep your animals secured in a room during trick or treating hours with food, water, toys and litter boxes or potty pads. And soothing music can help drown out the noise.
- Try pet costumes on in advance to see their reaction. This will help avoid discomfort and stress.
- CHOCOLATE IS DEADLY. There's a chemical in chocolate that dogs and cats cannot tolerate.
- Be mindful of candy wrappers such as tin foil. If ingested it may cause severe illness, even death.
- Swinging tails or curious cats may knock over Jack-O-Lanterns which may cause a fire or burns to the animal. LED lights may be better than candles.
- Halloween can be a dangerous time for animals, particularly cats. Vicious people have been known to hurt them so bring them inside for a few days and nights. Even if they whine to go outside, they will be safer in the house.

A Spooktacular Time For the Whole Family!

Family Fright Night

Friday, October 25 at 7:30 – 9:30 pm
Veterans Memorial Park Free – All ages
Bring the family to see the movie "Nightmare Before Christmas" on the big screen. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided.

Itsy Bitsy Halloween

Friday, October 25 at 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Veterans Memorial Park Cost: \$2.00 per child Ages: 2-5
Join us for Halloween activities for the little ones. No costumes please. Adult supervision required. Sign up at your local park beginning Tuesday, October 8. Space is limited and a current resident card is required.

Halloween Costume Parade

Thursday, October 31 at 6:00 pm Sharp! All Parks, Free to all ages. Everyone is invited to our Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Games. Trophies will be awarded to various age groups, best decorated pumpkin, and best pet costume.

COMMERCE TEAM CRUSHES ON THE COURT AND IN ACADEMICS

As a result of approved funding by the City in 2012, the Commerce Crush volleyball program has been able to expand to compete at an intercollegiate level. With elevated competition, the Crush girls have been able to develop their skills to a level that has piqued the interest of colleges.

Over the 20 years Crush Volleyball has been in existence, it has propelled 26 girls into collegiate volleyball play. This year, five Crush players will be starting college as not only an academic but an athlete, playing volleyball for their respective colleges. One player, Tabby Bethran, is in the midst of trying out for her college team in Idaho. Here's what some of the young ladies have to say about the impact of Crush.

Elissa Sanchez, Humbolt State University "Commerce Crush has been a huge part of my life with nine years of hard work. I now have the opportunity to play at the collegiate level and for that, Commerce Crush will always have a place in my heart."

Jasmine Alvarado, Rio Hondo College "I've been playing Crush since I was in the 3rd grade. It helped me become the person I am now and gave me the confidence to keep playing. Not only did Crush teach me about volleyball but also about family."

Mia Alcaraz, Cal State Los Angeles "I met my life-long friends through this program and have had amazing coaches. Without volleyball I wouldn't be the confident woman I am today. If I've learned anything from this program it is in life you never give up."

Presley Hernandez, East LA College "Crush has given me the motivation to be the player I am today. The sisterhood on the team made me fall more in love with the sport. Without Crush, I wouldn't know what it feels like to be part of something great."

The team's motto is "Si Se Puede", Yes We Can, and they are hoping they can recruit more young residents to the team and increase the number of Commerce's academic athletes. Team tryouts for ages 8-13 years of age are on Saturday, October 5, at 10 am at Veterans Memorial Park. High school students will try out in November. Residents interested in cheering on former Crush players can do so at upcoming college games. Transportation will be provided but residents must sign up as space is limited. For more information, contact the sports office at 323-887-4432.

Upcoming Games:

•October 11 at 5:30 p.m.
Rio Hondo vs. San Bernardino at Rio Hondo College

•October 26 at 6:00 p.m.
Cal State LA vs. Humboldt at Cal State LA



Commerce Gives Backpacks and Smiles

Back to School Celebration Success!



Approximately 500 residents enjoyed the Back to School Night Celebration at Greenwood Library.

Greenwood Library helped Commerce students start the school year off right, with another successful Back to School Night. The event provides school supplies to families who need them as well as an evening of entertainment and raffle prizes.

Approximately 500 residents attended this year's kick off and 300 backpacks were given to children of all ages. The designer Tommy Hilfiger backpacks were filled with basic but essential school supplies like pencils, pens, rulers and highlighters.

"Back to School Night has become a highly anticipated event for our community," said Olivia Audoma, event organizer and Greenwood Library Supervisor. "Parents appreciate any assistance we can provide them, especially when it comes to their children's education."

Miss Commerce and her court were on hand to help with the raffle which included gift cards for gas, dinner and a movie as

well as various department stores. Two large backpacks filled with over \$150 worth of school supplies were also raffled off. Attendees were treated to a visit from Star Wars 501st Legion characters and Hiccups Payaso.

This event was not only a time to celebrate education but to also promote the wonderful and free educational services the City offers to residents. Library staff reminded students and their parents that their local library offers tutoring, storytime, homework help, checkout of mobile devices like laptops and E-Readers, book discussions and ESL classes, all free of charge.

The City would like to thank all of the sponsors who made the event possible through their generous donations: Tommy Hilfiger, Commerce Casino, Greenwood Community Church, Gathesemani Libreria Catolica, American Shower Door, City of Commerce Public Library Commission, CCEA/AFSCME Local 776 and the Double Tree Inn.



Many sponsors came together to provide the backpacks and school supplies including Tommy Hilfiger and the Commerce Casino.

Library News

Getting in the "Spirit"

In the "spirit" of the season, Commerce libraries are preparing for a spooktacular month of activities. Whether it is reading about weird places to travel or commemorating loved ones who have since passed, October is full of activities.



Teen Book Club

Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Central Library.

Join other teens and share your thoughts on our October book, Ender's Game, while enjoying free pizza and raffles! We'll be meeting on October 23rd, but please check the library's website for the time.

Hispanic Heritage Month Movies

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, all four branches will be showing themed movies through October 12. Please check your local branch for dates, times and movies.

Teen Read Week, October 13 - 19



Join us as we seek the unknown... at the library and beyond!

5 pm Wednesday, October 16 at Bristow Park Library

Learn about the weird and paranormal, with Greg Bishop, author of Weird California. It'll be the stuff of legends!

Saturday, October 19

We'll embark on a trip to the California Science Center, to see the Space Shuttle Endeavour. Please check our website for more information: teens.cocpl.org

Day of the Dead program

5 pm Wednesday, October 30 at the Atlantic Library



Join us at the Atlantic Library as we make sugar skulls and altars. Then, meet cartoonist Javier Hernandez, who will teach you how to create your own Dia de Los Muertos comic! Mr. Hernandez will guide you through the process of drawing a one-page comic.

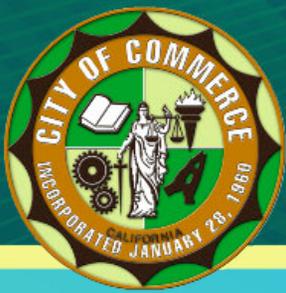


Share Reading and Writing Skills

With Your Neighbor

Looking for a way to help your community? Why not consider becoming a tutor. The City of Commerce Library offers one-on-one tutoring for adults, 16 years or older, who want to improve their reading and writing skills. Tutoring is also available for those adults who have learned English as a second language and would like to increase their English language skills. All materials are free and all tutors are trained.

In order to serve as a volunteer tutor, candidates must agree to personal background check, have their fingerprints taken, take a TB test, and complete a 12 hour tutor training. They must also be willing to commit six months to the program. The City will be holding its tutor training on October 8, 10, 17 and 19 from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Those interested must sign up by October 7. For more information, contact the City of Commerce Library Literacy Center at 323-722-7323.



Bandini Park



Maria Francisca Paula Arcadia Bandini, was by all accounts an extraordinary woman and a muse of sorts for her time. The eldest daughter of the don of a great California rancho, she was born in 1827 and died in 1912. She could not speak English or write her name but married two very wealthy entrepreneurs. Hotels, ships and land were named in her honor including the Bandini residential section in the area now known as the City of Commerce.

Bandini has a long history of community activism which continues today. It began as the Bandini Improvement Association which was the voice of the residents in the area, vocally opposing or supporting projects that affected the neighborhood. The BIA worked closely with Bandini homeowners and law enforcement to provide a clean and safe neighborhood for the early residents. That pride continues today and is evident in high usage of the community facilities in Bandini.



One of the main gathering places is the Ruben C. Batres Community Center at Bandini Park. It features a meeting room and kitchen which can be rented, pre-school classrooms, a ceramics room, as well as a variety of exercise and activity rooms.

Bandini park, offers outdoor activities such as organized youth sports in basketball, flag football, soccer, softball and volleyball. There are also three picnic shelters with barbecue grills, a seasonal spray pool and a large playground area for children of all ages. The Activity Area features a television viewing area, a pool table, foosball table and arcade games.

The Teen Center is located down the street from the park and is a safe place where young Commerce residents can occupy their time. The center has become an outlet for teens to express themselves whether it be through community plays, games or other forms of creative art.



Computers are also available so homework can be squeezed in!



The Atlantic Library is typically used by residents in the Bandini neighborhood, but because it is located on a major thoroughfare this branch attracts patrons from as far away as Maywood and Huntington Park. One of the unique features of this library is the popular outdoor patio. Both individuals and groups frequent the patio for book clubs. September is usually the busiest month for this branch with about 5,000 visitors. Library staff also hosts four classes from the City's tiny tots and preschool programs, two classes from the local Volunteers of America and classes from Bandini Elementary. In addition to the 12 computers that can be used at the Atlantic Library, residents can also check out laptops, tablets and E Readers.

The Gallery



THE WONDERS OF OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY



Our knowledgeable reference librarian shows a group of students the incredible information that can be found at the Commerce Library.

AN AMAZING CELEBRATION



Children celebrated their summer reading accomplishments with a party featuring performances by the "Amazing Chris" Grabher and our very own library staff.

DESIGNER LOOK



This young man was one of 300 recipients of a free Tommy Hilfiger backpack and school supplies given away at the Greenwood Library Back to School Night.

COMMERCE/CITADEL 5TH ANNUAL JOB FAIR



Thousands of job seekers from Commerce and surrounding areas filed into the Citadel to meet with potential employers. California employers have added jobs for 25 straight months which is the longest streak in the nation.

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



United Families of Bristow hosted the annual Mexican Independence Day Celebration where they were joined by members from the Los Angeles Galaxy Soccer organization.

NEW SHUTTLE STOP HELPS COMMUTERS GO



A train at the Metrolink 26th Street station delivers commuters who can now jump on the new shuttle taking them to several fixed route locations in Commerce.

VETERANS OF PUBLIC SERVICE



Residents may recognize the familiar faces of past employees who gathered recently for a retiree meeting at City Hall. Some have relocated but still made it back for a welcome visit.

SAVING LIVES AT HOME



Commerce's Urban Search and Rescue Team participate in a mock extraction of a person buried under rubble.



OCTOBER 2013

COMMERCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>November 2013</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>		<p>1</p> <p>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Senior Citizens Commission 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Starbucks Read In Atlantic & Washington Blvd. 10 a.m.</p> 
<p>6</p> <p>By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail. Benjamin Franklin</p>	<p>7</p> <p>English Book Club EOC room 6 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Advisory Commission 7 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Community Task Force 3 p.m.</p> <p>Traffic Commission 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Community Services Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do. Henry Ford</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Education Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Library Embajadores Meeting, EOC Room 6 p.m.</p> <p>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. Thomas Paine</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Halloween Decorations Contest Applications Due</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Library Commission 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Teen Book Club EOC Room 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Halloween Decorations Contest Judging</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Without hard work, nothing grows but weeds. Gordon B. Hinckley</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Spanish Book Club EOC Room 6 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween Parade at all Parks, 6 p.m.</p> 		

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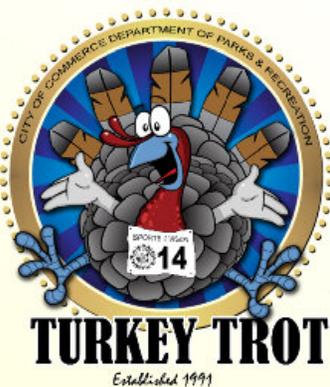
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Check-in: 6:30 – 7:45 a.m.
5K Run begins at 8:10 a.m.

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

For resident race is free with proof of a current Resident card.
Pre-registration \$20 non Residents
On-site Registration \$25 non Residents

Registration begins Oct. 28, 2013

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

CITY OF COMMERCE
Holiday Cheer Program
 'Helping Commerce Families During the Holidays'

Commerce families can sign up at the Department of Community Services for Holiday Help during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Season

Applicants need proof of income and a valid Commerce Resident Card

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

THE CITY OF COMMERCE · DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION
 CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013
10:00 A.M.
 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
 6364 ZINDELL AVE, COMMERCE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.
 BUS SHUTTLE TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

Ghosts, Goblins & Witches Need Apply

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS CONTEST



The City's Beautification Committee will be on a haunted hunt for all that is spooky, as part of the annual Halloween Decorations Contest. Residents with the most creativity and, let's say, "spirit", may decorate the outside of their home for judging. Indoor decorations and live performances WILL NOT count towards the overall score. A winning home from each of the four neigh-

borhoods will be selected and winners will receive a \$75 gift certificate. The "dead" line for residents to submit their registration form is Monday, October 21 at 6:00 pm. Judging will take place on Wednesday, October 23.

For more information, please contact Alma Maldonado in the Community Development Department at 323-722-4805 ext. 2238.

Commerce City Channel 3

OCTOBER FEATURED HIGHLIGHTS

Award winning cablecasts of the City Council Meetings

Live every first and third Tuesday 6:30 p.m. (Live every 1st and 3rd Tues.)

Replay on Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Thursdays at 5 p.m., Fridays at 6 p.m., Saturdays at 9 a.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m.

"In A Council Minute" A recap of the City Council Meeting in One Minute

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: Senior Center Activities

Mondays at 12 p.m., Tuesdays at 10 p.m., Wednesdays at 4 p.m., Thursdays at 9 p.m., Fridays at 9 a.m., Saturdays at 6 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m.

Twilight Dance Music Concert Series featuring "Best Coast"

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 11:30 a.m., Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

K 9 Corner

Mondays at 5 p.m., Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 a.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m.