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The Citadel will be lighting the "World's Largest Christmas Tree" on Saturday, November 9. Last year saw over 16,000 people and proceeds benefit Toys for Tots. The event will be televised again on the Fox Network.

Citadel Outlets Lights Up the Holiday Season

From his philanthropy to his events, when Steve Craig of the Citadel Outlets does something, he does it big. This holiday season will be no different. Craig has promised the world's tallest Christmas tree which will officially be lit on Saturday, November 9th. Collaborating with some of the most influential media partners in Los Angeles, the Citadel Outlets will host one of the most exciting Tree Lighting Ceremonies anywhere.

As in years past, the Citadel's 12th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event will feature guest stars and celebrities while proceeds benefit Toys for Tots. Last year over 16,000 people attended the ceremony. This year's holiday extravaganza, which features a free concert, will be seen by a wider audience since Fox Tele-

vision has exclusive broadcasting rights to the event. Previous year's events have featured performances by Justin Bieber, Demi Lovato, Victoria Justice and Kris Allen. The event will begin at 4:00 pm with a free concert at center-court and conclude with the tree lighting at 7:00 pm.

On Thursday, November 7, the Citadel will also unveil the world's largest bow which will be placed atop the main building on the Center's famous castle wall. According to Craig, the bow was constructed especially for the Citadel Outlets and will be one of a kind. "There will be nothing like it. It will be a show stopper," said Craig. "It will be a signature piece for both the Citadel and the City."

Also in November, the Citadel will

continue the tradition of kicking off the holiday shopping season with the Moonlight Madness event on November 28 and 29. Retailers will open late Thanksgiving Day to welcome early shoppers and will include tenant door buster offers and other great deals.

To improve the shopping experience at the Citadel Outlets, a new parking structure is scheduled to open just in time for the holidays. The new structure will feature over 500 new parking stalls, as well as counters at the entrance to let drivers know how many parking spaces are available.

For more information on the Citadel Outlet's upcoming events visit their website at www.citadeloutlets.com.

The Perfect Fix for Too Much Fixins



Started in 1991 as part of an effort to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle, the City of Commerce will hold its Annual 5K Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 23. Members of the public of all ages are invited to participate in the race which runs through the residential area of Rosewood Park.

Open to residents and non-residents alike, the Turkey Trot is a popular regional event with participants coming from throughout the Greater Los Angeles area. More than 450 runners and walkers participated in last year's race and organizers are expecting the same great turnout.

"Over the years the Turkey Trot has become a highly anticipated event," said Event Coordinator Frank Garcia. "People get busy around the holidays so this is a great opportunity to bring the family together for a fun and healthy activity."

Thirty awards in categories for male and female participants will be given including the fastest and oldest runners. Residents are asked to plan ahead as there will be several street closures including a large portion of Jillson and Harbor which will be blocked off to through traffic. Registration begins on October 28 and is free to residents with a current Commerce Resident card. Non-residents can pre-register for \$20 or pay \$25 on-site. Check-in at the event will be held from 6:30 am - 7:45 am and the run will begin at 8:10 am. Souvenir t-shirts will be sold for \$5.00 each. For more information, call the Sports Office at (323) 887-4432.

Honoring the Brave and Celebrating our Freedom



Veterans Day 2012 Master of Ceremonies and former resident Albert Baltierra.

It was in the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918 that fighting between the Allied nations and Germany ceased. It was the beginning of the end of World War I.

Six months later, "The Great War" officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles but it was November 11th that President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed as Armistice Day, a day to be commemorated with parades and public events.

In 1938, the 11th of November was made a legal holiday. In 1954, the 11th of November became a day to honor American veterans of

all wars. And today, we still honor those Americans with tributes, commemorations and celebrations across the entire United States. Commerce will pay tribute to local members of the military at the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11th at Veterans Memorial Park.

Local, state and federal elected officials have been invited to participate. A member from each of the five branches of the military will be joined by local service organizations including the color guard procession which will kick off the ceremony. Professional vocalist Birdie Mendoza will perform the Na-

tional Anthem. Following the invocation, there will be a keynote speech and each military branch song will be played while veterans are recognized and given a gift by the City Council.

"It is a time to honor all those that have sacrificed so much to defend our country and its freedoms," said event organizer Rachel Baltierra. "This event gives the City an opportunity to say thank you." The City would like to thank event sponsors ACME Made in America and the Los Angeles-Commerce

I want to start this month's column by inviting everyone to honor our Nation's heroes at the City's annual Veterans Day Ceremony being held at Veterans Memorial Park on Monday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. This event provides members of the community with an opportunity to get to know our City's veterans and the importance of their service to our country.

In our continuing series on City facilities, this month we are featuring Veterans Park and the Greenwood Branch Library to highlight programs and services offered to residents and other stakeholders. Previously we have featured Bandini Park, Bristow Park and Camp Commerce to shed greater light on services the City offers.

The holidays are upon us and that means there are a number of events to look forward to starting with the Citadel Retail Outlets Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 9th that will feature live entertainment and the world's largest Christmas tree that is reportedly over 100 feet tall. For more details see the article on page one. You can bet this event, just like the Citadel, will be one of a kind.

Thousands of people will visit the Citadel for this exciting event. Thousands more including tourists from all over the globe will come to Commerce to enjoy the Citadel's 150 top brand name stores and restaurants this holiday season. This is good news for Commerce since these visitors will generate millions of dollars in retail sales. This economic activity provides employment and a significant source of sales tax revenue that goes toward supporting City programs and services. The City receives that same benefit when residents shop locally; a purchase in Commerce is an investment in your City. While we're on the subject of shopping please make sure you do so safely. For tips on holiday shopping safety see the article on page 3.

This month we're also hosting the Turkey Trot 5K run on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to spend time together while burning a few extra calories before Thanksgiving. This community event attracts hundreds of runners from Commerce, local schools and throughout the region. This event is free for Commerce residents with a current resident card so we encourage you to participate.

The City continues to offer opportunities like the Turkey Trot, the walking path at Rosewood Park and our exercise facilities because they promote healthy lifestyles. While promoting opportunities for exercise is one way of creating a healthy community, another is providing information on access to affordable health care. To learn more about this see the article on page 3; it provides general information on the Affordable Care Act.

Before I sign off, I'd like to remind everyone that the holiday season can be a difficult time for many of our friends and neighbors. That's why the City has the Holiday Cheer Program. I want to encourage community and business residents to provide donations of clothes and food or to contribute funds or gift certificates. Your donations can help brighten the holidays for a deserving family in need. To find out how you can help, please call the Social Services Division at (323) 887-4460.

Also, make sure to mark your calendar for December 2nd when we will be hosting the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in front of the steps at City Hall. On behalf of the City Council, I want to wish everyone a healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Jorge Rifá




Municipal Notes

City Prepares for Holiday Decorations

The City has continued to develop and implement policies and programs to beautify Commerce. This is especially true during the holidays when the City begins beautifying the streets of Commerce with festive holiday decorations.

Residents will see holiday decorations going up this month

in some areas of the City. Due to Southern California Edison's regulations prohibiting decorations on wooden poles, City staff is working to find alternatives that would allow posting of decorations in the Veterans and Bristow Park areas.

El Sol Shuttle Service in Bristow Area

El Sol Shuttle Provides Transportation to Bristow Residents
The East Los Angeles El Sol Shuttle service began serving the Bristow Park area of Commerce in September.

The three new stops in the Bristow area give residents a low cost or free transportation option that can help them reach destinations throughout much of East Los Angeles. The air-conditioned shuttles are wheelchair accessible and cost only

25 cents for adults and is free for seniors, persons with disabilities, children under 5 years of age and Metro pass holders.

For more information, visit www.ladpw.org/pdd/elasw/en/index.cfm on the World Wide Web or call (626) 258-3380.

Council Actions

Regular Meeting Reports

Regular Meeting of October 1



- Honored the members of the Commerce Aquatics Program, which includes the Commerce Swim Team, Men's and Women's Water Polo Teams on successful seasons.
- Honored the 2013 Commerce Video Production Course graduates.
- Honored Director of Safety and Community Services Loretta Gutierrez on her retirement.
- Proclaimed October 2013 as Crime Prevention Month in the City of Commerce.
- Authorized staff to accept \$11,368 from the 2013 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant from the Department of Justice.
- Approved the Transit Mutual Assistance Compact Agreement for Public Transit Providers.
- Approved a retainer agreement with the Law Firm of Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley, LLP in connection with the environmental impact report approved by the City of Bell for the Bell Business Center Project.
- Approved a "release of all claims" agreement with the City of Bell and the Bell Public Finance Authority.
- Held a public hearing regarding the disposition of California Construction for purposes of the Central Library Renovation Project as not being a responsible bidder.
- Received and filed a report regarding the sale of land adjacent to Camp Commerce.
- Received and filed a report regarding improvements at Camp Commerce.
- Adopted an urgency ordinance adding Chapter 2.11-Requirement for Circulation of Recall Petition to the Commerce Municipal Code.
- Adjourned in memory of longtime Commerce resident Sonia Guerrero.

Regular Meeting of September 17

- Honored City employees Candace Peinado, Henry Garnica and Crystal Navarez for their quick thinking and courageous action in protecting a Commerce resident during an incident at Bristow Park.
- Approved a letter of support for HR Bill 1509 also known as the Autism Understanding and Training in School Methodologies for Educators Act of 2013 from the Mayor to be addressed to Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard.
- Approved a taser use policy for community safety officers and animal control officers.
- Adopted a resolution showing the City to be in confor-

mance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) and the CMP Local Implementation Report in accordance with California Government Code Section 65089.

- Approved an agreement with Kelly Associates Management Group to conduct an organizational assessment of the Public Works and Development Services Department.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority for Proposition C 5% Transit Security Funds.
- Approved an agreement with enVision Consulting Group, Inc. for the preparation of SB90 mandated cost reimbursement claims.
- Approved an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding for full-time employees represented by the City of Commerce Employees Association and to benefits provided to full-time non-represented management employees.
- Approved an amendment to Section 3.5.2, Table 3-1, Table 3-2 and Section 3.5.4.7 of the City of Commerce General Plan.
- Approved the termination of an agreement with Trimming Land Company, Inc. for tree maintenance service and authorized staff to obtain tree trimming services on an interim basis with another vendor for a period of six months during which time staff will prepare a Request for Proposal to secure tree maintenance services on a more extended basis.
- Received and filed a report on a proposed soccer tournament and carnival.
- Approved an induction process with respect to the Commerce Hall of Champions as proposed by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Directed staff to develop guidelines regarding use of the CTY Notification System.
- Appointed Ernie Vela to the Library Commission.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 2.04.080 (Powers and Duties) of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the Commerce Municipal Code.
- Adjourned in memory of 62 year Commerce resident Isabel M. Muro.

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Let a Personal Safety Plan Be the Best Gift on Black Friday

Important Safety Tips

The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), home of McGruff the Crime Dog, says you need a personal safety and security plan to keep criminals at bay and you

4. Consider alternate options to pay for your merchandise, such as onetime or multiuse disposable credit cards or money orders, at online stores and auction sites.
5. Wait until asked before taking out your credit card or checkbook. An enterprising thief would love to shoulder surf to get your account information.
6. Deter pickpockets. Carry your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.
7. Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat and around the car before getting in.
8. Do not leave packages visible in your car windows. Lock them in the trunk or, if possible, take them directly home.
9. Tell a security guard or store employee if you see an unattended bag or package. The same applies if you are using mass transit.
10. If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you get separated. Select a central meeting place and make sure they know they can ask mall personnel or store security employees if they need help.

To find more useful shopping tips and personal safety information, visit the National Crime Prevention Council's website at www.ncpc.org.

from seeing red.

This year many shoppers will be out early to find those big bargains on Black Friday or online for Cyber Monday, but the criminals will be out too. NCPC has 10 great tips to help you shop safely while getting those great holiday bargains throughout the shopping season.

1. Do not buy more than you can carry. Plan ahead by taking a friend with you or ask a store employee to help you carry your packages to the car.
2. Shop online with companies you know and trust. Check a company's background if you are not familiar with it. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.
3. Save all receipts. Print and save all confirmations from your online purchases. Start a file folder to keep all receipts together and to help you verify credit card or bank statements as they come in.

Health Insurance is the Law

Know the Facts

How Financial Assistance Works

In the chart below, you can see how different people qualify for assistance to pay for health insurance or qualify for Medi-Cal. These are examples only; you may fall into a different category.

Number of People in the Household	If Your Income* Is LESS THAN...	If Your Income* Is BETWEEN...
1	\$15,857	\$15,857 - \$45,960
2	\$21,404	\$21,404 - \$62,040
3	\$26,952	\$26,952 - \$78,120
4	\$32,500	\$32,500 - \$94,200
5	\$38,047	\$38,047 - \$110,280
You may qualify for:	Medi-Cal	Premium assistance through Covered California

* Income levels are based on the year 2013

What is the Affordable Care Act and how much will it cost my family?" These are questions on the minds of most Americans. In this article, we will provide you with facts about the new law and important dates you need to know.

In 2010, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law. The law was created to enact comprehensive health care reforms such as increasing consumer rights and protections, improving access to affordable health coverage for everyone and strengthening Medicare. Parts of the law were enacted immediately such as children being able to remain on their parents insurance until the age of 26 but most of the changes go into effect in 2014.

Each state is required to either set up their own "marketplace" for people to buy health insurance or have one set up

by the federal government. California opted to set up its own program called Covered California, although there are other marketplaces for consumers to choose from. All health insurance plans must cover certain requirements such as doctor visits, hospital stays, emergency care, maternity care, children's care, prescriptions, and mental health care. Health insurance plans also must cover preventative care services like mammograms and colonoscopies for free.

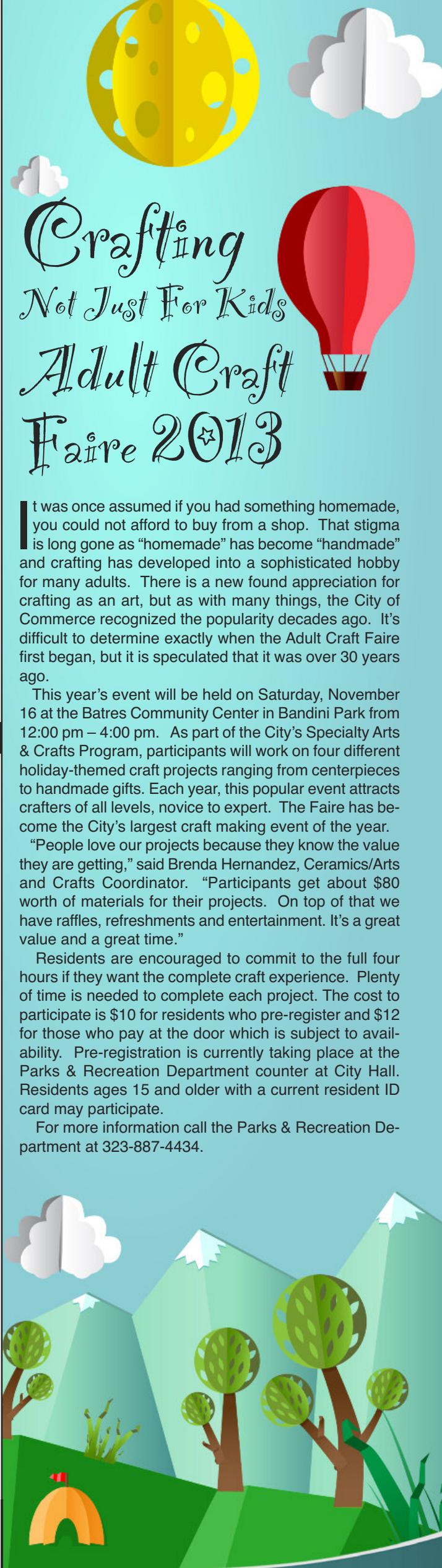
Marketplaces are set up so health insurance companies compete for your business. But it is important to remember key dates. As of October 1 of this year the marketplace has been open, which gives Californians the opportunity to select affordable health insurance. Key dates are below:

- January 1, 2014 – Californians must have public or private health insurance or face a financial penalty. The penalty will be one percent of yearly income of \$95 per person, whichever is greater. For adults with children, the fine for lack of coverage for the child is \$47.50.

- March 31, 2014 – You must have insurance to be considered covered in 2014. Missing this deadline means you must wait until the next open-enrollment period in October 2014 for coverage in 2015.

- By 2016, the fine will be 2.5 percent of income or \$695 per person, whichever is greater. The fine will be assessed based on the number months without coverage.

Your income level will determine whether you qualify for Medi-Cal or any financial assistance to help pay for coverage. If your income changes over the year, your assistance level will be adjusted. Knowledgeable staff is on hand to answer your questions. For more information, visit www.CoveredCA.com or call 800-300-1506.



Crafting Not Just For Kids Adult Craft Faire 2013

It was once assumed if you had something homemade, you could not afford to buy from a shop. That stigma is long gone as "homemade" has become "handmade" and crafting has developed into a sophisticated hobby for many adults. There is a new found appreciation for crafting as an art, but as with many things, the City of Commerce recognized the popularity decades ago. It's difficult to determine exactly when the Adult Craft Faire first began, but it is speculated that it was over 30 years ago.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, November 16 at the Batres Community Center in Bandini Park from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. As part of the City's Specialty Arts & Crafts Program, participants will work on four different holiday-themed craft projects ranging from centerpieces to handmade gifts. Each year, this popular event attracts crafters of all levels, novice to expert. The Faire has become the City's largest craft making event of the year.

"People love our projects because they know the value they are getting," said Brenda Hernandez, Ceramics/Arts and Crafts Coordinator. "Participants get about \$80 worth of materials for their projects. On top of that we have raffles, refreshments and entertainment. It's a great value and a great time."

Residents are encouraged to commit to the full four hours if they want the complete craft experience. Plenty of time is needed to complete each project. The cost to participate is \$10 for residents who pre-register and \$12 for those who pay at the door which is subject to availability. Pre-registration is currently taking place at the Parks & Recreation Department counter at City Hall. Residents ages 15 and older with a current resident ID card may participate.

For more information call the Parks & Recreation Department at 323-887-4434.

College Scholarship Program

Applications are available online only beginning in January.

Applications are due in the Literacy Center or at any Commerce library. Final filing deadline to be announced.

For updates, visit the Commerce Library's website at www.cocpl.org or the Library section of the City's website at www.ci.commerce.ca.us.



Library Programs

REFORMA Crosses Language Barriers

In an effort to promote libraries and librarianship in the Latino community, an organization called REFORMA, The National Association to Provide Library Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking, provides training and mentoring to libraries and staff. REFORMA also works to improve library services offered to Spanish speaking communities by recruiting bilingual and multicultural personnel in the field of librarianship.

Cynthia Bautista, the City's Children's Librarian, is the immediate past president and current treasurer of the Los Angeles Chapter of REFORMA. The Los Angeles chapter is very active and hosts an annual scholarship fundraiser where money is awarded to library school students who are interested in working with Latinos. REFORMA also hosts public quarterly meet and greets, which provide an opportunity for local librarians, students, authors and readers to join together to talk about libraries in an informal setting.

Established in 1971 as an affiliate of the American Library Association, REFORMA has actively worked to develop library services and programs that meet the needs of the Latino community. The organization works with libraries to develop library collections to include Spanish-language and Latino oriented materials as well as establishing a national information and support network and educating the Latino population about the availability of library services.

REFORMA members are also active in the community, volunteering at events such as LeaLA (Spanish Book Fair), Children's Day in various cities, and Reading to Kids. Several members have traveled to Mexicali and Tecate to volunteer at various Children's Day programs to read to children and promote literacy.

To become involved in REFORMA or to find out more about their programs and services, visit their website at www.reforma.org.

The NEW City of Commerce Public Library

It's Everywhere You Are!

While library access has always been available at www.cocpl.org, the City of Commerce Public Library (COCPL) is introducing several new online services. Whether you are on your computer, phone, mobile browser, tablet or e-reader, the COCPL has upgraded to make it easier for users to access information at the click of a button.

Tour of COCPL Online

Library Website (Desktop and Mobile)



Our library website is our online headquarters. This is where you will find links to the latest news, events, programs and books. Not only that, you will find a description of all of our services, information about our library policies and instructions on how to submit a book request just to name a few.

Visit us on your desktop and you'll see the full website, but you can also access the mobile website on any of your mobile devices. You can download the mobile version at <http://m.cocpl.org> which gives you quick access to the information you need most, including your library account.

New Library Catalog

Our new catalog is available from our main website by clicking on the "Catalog" link and also available directly at <http://catalog.cocpl.org>. Our new catalog features access to your library account which allows you to view any outstanding fines, place and review your holds as well as the ability to search and browse the catalog. The search feature is new and improved as well! The new catalog uses a "Google-like" keyword search. The catalog is accessible by mobile device, but has not been adapted for mobile phones with smaller screens.

New COCPL Mobile App for Mobile iPad and Android

Library News

Events for Readers of All Ages

The Library's Children's Division is hosting **Pajama Storytime November 4 - 7**. The "Skippyjon Jones" costumed children's book character will be at the event being held at all four Commerce Libraries. Call your local Library for dates and times.

The **In N Out Burger "Cover to Cover Club"** Reading Program runs through November 16. For more information call the Central Library at (323) 722-6660.

The Adult Reading Program will feature two popular novels

droid

The new COCPL Mobile app, which goes live in December, will be your one-stop shop for all of the Library's services on your phone. Simply lookup COCPL Mobile on your mobile device's app store (iTunes or Play store), download it and select City of Commerce Public Library as your home library and you will have the library at your fingertips! The COCPL Mobile app features a finger-friendly user interface to navigate our library catalog, place holds, receive alerts for fines and holds and provides access to review your account. The COCPL Mobile app also gives you easy access to the latest library news and events, social media at Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and easy access to PC reservations online.

Reserve a PC Online via Desktop or Mobile Device

The PC reservation website has now been updated to make it more finger-friendly for mobile devices! When you visit our online PC reservation site all you have to do is select the library of your choice, type in your library barcode and PIN number, select the time you want to pick up your computer and you're done! Reservations are allowed up to four days in advance.

E-Books, Audiobooks and More Coming Soon!

The COCPL will also be rolling out an e-book platform very soon! The new e-book service, expected in 2014, will feature a large catalog of e-books available for download on the most popular devices including iPad, iPhone, Android tablets and phones, as well as Nook and Kindle readers. This new service will be available to all cardholders and should prove to be an exciting new addition to our digital services.

Wireless Internet Access Upgrades at All Libraries

In July of this year, the internet speed at all branches was doubled and at the Central Library it was quadrupled. We know that the library is an important access point for information, including information on the Internet. The new upgrades to our bandwidth should help you find anything you're looking for faster than ever! Visit one of our libraries and bring your mobile device for FREE access to our wireless hotspot.

in November. **The English Book Club** will meet at 6 p.m. at Atlantic Library on Nov. 4, and will discuss "Montana Sky" by Nora Roberts. **The Spanish Book Club** will meet at 6 p.m. at the EOC Room in City Hall on November 25th and will discuss "Caramba!" By Nina M. Martinez.

Also, don't forget the **Library Embajadores** (Ambassadors) meeting is at 6 p.m. at the EOC Room at City Hall on November 19.



Veterans Park

One of the top priorities of early City visionaries was to provide residents with the best recreation facilities and programs. At the time, the City's Aquatorium at Rosewood Park was the crown jewel, but in 1969 the Veterans Memorial Park baseball stadium opened with just as much fanfare. And according to the City's history book, "City of Commerce: An Enterprising Heritage", it was the largest municipal facility of its kind and cost more than \$1 million to build. Complete with night lighting, the stadium features underground dugouts, showers, locker rooms and a 100 foot-high scoreboard.

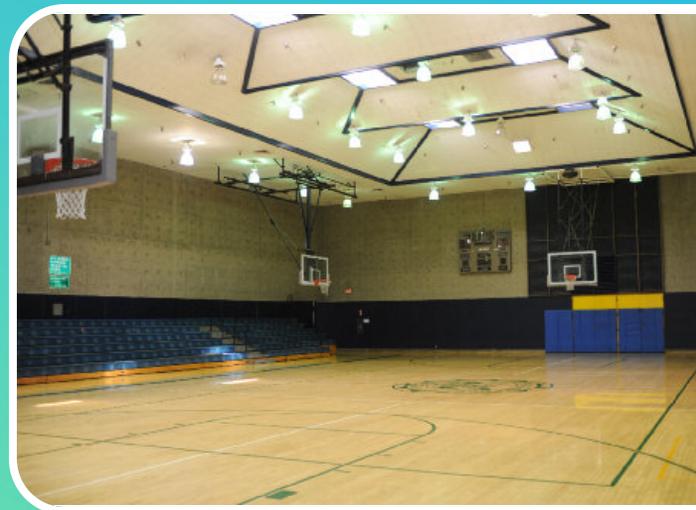
The grand opening was so big baseball legend and vice president of the New York Mets, Casey Stengel, and Dodger pitcher Don Drysdale were both in attendance to sign autographs. Veterans' stadium quickly earned a reputation as a top-notch facility hosting many exhibition games.

Although the park opened in 1966, it was officially named Veterans Memorial Park on Veterans Day in 1977. City officials wanted to pay homage to the sacrifices of the residents who served in the military. A memorial greets visitors as they enter the gates of the park. Today, Veterans Park hosts several of the City's major events such as the Annual Boxing Show, Relay for Life, Easter Egg Hunt, Preschool Graduation, College Fair, the Veterans Day ceremony and the Annual Goal Ball Tournament for the sight impaired.



Veterans Memorial

The bronze memorial depicts four branches of the military with the following dedication: "In memory of the men and women who served this nation in the armed forces, the citizens of Commerce dedicate this park." The memorial is decorated with flowers and palms and features a flag pole 100 feet high which hoists the American Flag, the California Flag and the POW Flag.



Basketball Court

The regulation size basketball court features beautiful hardwood floors, premiere lighting and a viewing area that holds over 550 spectators. The court can also transform to accommodate two regulation volleyball games simultaneously.

Baseball Stadium

Home to many adult and young adult baseball leagues, the professional size field can also be rented out by private organizations and clubs. The class A stadium features 90 foot base paths, a regulation mound, announcer's booth and can seat 1,500 spectators.



Recreation Grounds

The sprawling grounds offer very large shade trees as well as three pagodas with cooking areas, barbecue grills, a spray pool, playground and built-in work out equipment. A putting green and three driving cages are also available for use.



Greenwood Library

Hosts many events popular events including the Back to School Night where school aged residents are given free back packs and school supplies. The library also offers laptops and E-readers for check out, homework help at all grade levels, book clubs and many more programs.

The Gallery



DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE



Long time City employee Loretta Gutierrez retired after 28 years of service. Loretta developed many innovative programs and had a positive impact on generations of residents.

AQUATIC ACHIEVEMENTS



Members of the both the Commerce Swim Team and the Commerce Water Polo teams were honored at a recent council meeting for their achievements at the National Level. Pictured is the Boys Water Polo team.

GALACTIC ROYALTY



Star Wars Reads was graced with not one, but two princesses. Commerce Librarian Beatriz Sarmiento poses with a young Star Wars fan.

COMMERCE VIDEO PRODUCTION GRADS



Five volunteers were honored for completing the Commerce Cable Channel 3 and 32 Video Production Course. From l. to r. are course graduates Diego Guzman, Natalie Escamilla, Joaquin Duare, Jessica Chapula, Marilyn Barajas and Pablo Aguilar.

'STAR WARS READS' DAY



Darth Vader, aka mild mannered library employee Erik Jackiw poses with a group of light sabre wielding young jedis at Star Wars Reads Day at the Central Library on Sept. 30

COMMERCE TO COLLEGE FAIR



Three local students won new computer devices at the annual Commerce to College Fair in September. The Fair introduced students to a variety of higher education opportunities.

READING DAY AT STARBUCKS



Young residents participated in a day of reading, stories and a special puppet at the Starbucks located on Atlantic and Washington Boulevards.

ACTIVE BUSINESS COMMUNITY



Hundreds of local business representatives participated in the Commerce Industrial Council Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at the Commerce Hotel and Casino.



NOVEMBER 2013

COMMERCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

December 2013

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TURKEY TROT

Saturday, November

Check-in: 6:30 – 7:45 a.m. 5K Run begins at 8:10 a.m.
 Registration begins Oct. 28, 2013

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

1
 Day of the Dead
 Central Library 4 p.m.

2
 International Games
 Day, All Libraries 11 a.m.

3
 Daylight Savings
 Time Ends

4
 English Book Club
 EOC room 6 p.m.
 Youth Advisory
 Commission 7 p.m.

5
 Special Districts Election
 City Council/Successor
 Agency, 6:30 p.m.

6
 Senior Citizens Commission
 12:30 p.m.

7
 Parks & Recreation
 Commission 6 p.m.

8
 “The best way to
 find yourself is
 to lose yourself
 in the service
 of others.”
 Mahatma Gandhi

9

10

11
 Veterans Day
 Ceremony, Veterans Park
 10 a.m.
 City Hall & Libraries
 Closed

12
 Education Commission
 6 p.m.

13
 Traffic Commission
 6:30 p.m.

14
 Community Services
 Commission 6 p.m.

15

16
 Adult Holiday Faire
 Bandini Park 12 p.m.

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“Freedom is
 never free.”
 Author
 Unknown

18
 Spanish Reading Club
 EOC Room 6 p.m.

19
 Library Embajadores
 Meeting, EOC Room 6 p.m.

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

20
 Planning Commission
 6:30 p.m.

21
 “Courage is fear
 holding on a
 minute longer.”
 General
 George S.
 Patton

22

23
 Turkey Trot 5K Run
 Rosewood Park 8 a.m.

24

25
 KEEP
 COMMERCE
 Beautiful

26
 Library Commission
 5:30 p.m.

27
 Teen Book Club
 EOC Room 5:30 p.m.

28
 Thanksgiving Day
 City Hall & Libraries
 Closed

29
 City Hall & Libraries
 Closed

30

“He who is brave
 is free.” Seneca,
 Roman Philoso-
 pher

Report to the
People

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'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

11.11.13

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.

City of Commerce · Department of Parks and Recreation Presents

'TOYLAND' COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Monday, December 2
6 p.m. At the steps of City Hall 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce

Featuring:
• Live Entertainment • Warm drinks and snacks • A visit from Santa Claus

The Holiday season is a time of giving. Residents are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy for donations to less fortunate children in our community.
Bus shuttles from local parks will be provided.
For more information, call Parks and Recreation at (323) 887-4434

Honoring the Brave

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Pictured here is the Veterans plaque at Veterans Memorial Park.

Doubletree Hotel for the food donation which will be served by Commerce Girl Scout Troop 13591. There will also be an opportunity for guests to make a Veterans Day Keepsake to

give to a veteran or as a memento to commemorate the event. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (323)-887-4434.

Commerce City Channel 3

November Featured Highlights

Successor Agency Meeting / City Council Concurrent Regular Meeting

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 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: the new City Emergency Operation Center

Mondays at 12 p.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m.,
Wednesdays at 4 p.m., Thursdays at 3 p.m.
Fridays at 9 a.m., Saturdays at 6 p.m.,
Sundays at 8 p.m.

Twilight Dance Music Concert Series featuring "Wildcat Wildcat"

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.

Vintage Vehicle Show - Shows include:

The Vintage Vehicle Show
"Street Rod Vision"
Tuesdays at 3 p.m.
The Vintage Vehicle Show
"Cars and Coffee"
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
The Vintage Vehicle Show
"Barry Hilbert Collection"
Thursdays at 8 a.m.
The Vintage Vehicle Show
"Fenders on the Street Car Show" Saturdays at 8 a.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 12 p.m.