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Solving Problems for Future Generations



S. Bravo Systems President Paola Bravo and Vice President Don Mukai inside a newly upgraded area of their 45,000 square foot production facility.

A Commerce business since 1999, S. Bravo Systems produces ‘sumps’ or secondary containment systems for fuel handling (gasoline) in the petroleum industry with the motto “Problem Solved.” Vice President Don Mukai said their reason for doing so comes down to one important concept: “We need to protect our environmental future for us and for our children.”

The containers they produce are engineered to protect the environment by preventing petroleum based and other hazardous substances from contaminating soil and ground water. The company also has the added advantage of being a leader in the industry with cost effective products, which helps them attract major corporations as customers, such as Chevron, Valero and Costco.

Company founder and namesake Sergio Bravo, who is now retired, came to the United States in the 1960’s from his native Chile. After becoming a part of the workforce, he observed dangerous and sometimes life threatening working conditions at gas and service stations. Environmental practices were largely unregulated, which meant that gasoline and other petroleum products were typically dumped back into the ground creating fire hazards and causing damage to the environment.

His experiences as a mechanic, general contractor and business owner inspired Sergio’s invention of the “Bravo Box,” the world’s first secondary containment and shutdown system for gasoline dispensers. According to the S. Bravo Systems website, this invention launched a new industry of secondary containment for the petroleum trade throughout the US and the world when the company was founded in 1987.

S. Bravo Systems has a 45,000 square foot factory and a 12,000 square foot warehouse in Commerce and has grown considerably since relocating to Commerce from Cerritos. Today the company is run by his daughter Paola Bravo who has helped grow the business, which had as few as 15 workers in the past and now has 105 employees working in fiberglass, casting and welding departments among others. She’s also improved operations by implementing cutting edge technology, including a state-of-the-art manufacturing system that has increased production and reduced emissions by converting pollution to carbon dioxide and water.

Asked about the pollution controls, Paola responded, “It was a massive investment, but for us business is about doing the right thing.”

The principle of doing the right thing is one that she says was instilled by her dad, as was providing people with opportunities. This is evident in their hiring practices. S. Bravo Systems hires most of their workforce locally and makes a conscious effort to hire war veterans through U.S. Vets, which is the nation’s largest nonprofit provider of services to homeless and at-risk veterans. They also hire disadvantaged or at-risk youth from Homeboy Industries.

Paola says they are proud that all of their parts and products are made 100% in the USA and that all of their raw materials are sourced locally or domestically. As a parent, she echoed Mukai’s sentiment. “Our products are protecting the environment and children and that’s something we feel good about.”

Covered California Office in Commerce

Commerce residents and other members of the public who have questions or would like to sign up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act can visit www.CoveredCA.com for more information or they can call or visit the new Commerce office at 5650 Jillson Street right across the street from the Commerce Civic Center. CoveredCA.com is a joint partnership between Covered Cal-



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ifornia™ and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) committed to ensuring that Californians are aware of their health coverage options. Through CoveredCA.com you can find out if you qualify for free or low-cost health insurance, including Medi-Cal, and compare a range of health plans and choose the right one for you.

People who successfully sign up for health insurance by February 15th will receive coverage starting March 1. For more information, call the Commerce office at (323) 484-1186.

HD Security Cameras to be Installed at Facilities



In an effort to increase security at City facilities and enhance general public safety, the City Council approved the installation and upgrade of a High Definition (HD) Security System at all public facilities and parks. The new HD multimedia digital video recorder (MDVR) system will unify the security cameras onto one consistent platform that can be managed from both the local site and from a remote site.

City staff evaluated all facilities and recommended the sites slated for upgrades or installation. Once the project is complete the inventory of cameras will have increased from 200 at eight locations to 275 at 14 locations.

The sites scheduled for camera installation or upgrades are: City Hall to 24 cameras, Rosewood Park to 32 cameras, Veterans Park to 32 cameras, Senior Center to 16 cameras, Central Library to 16 cameras, Greenwood Library to 8 cameras, Teen Center to 16 cameras, North Annex Building to 8 cameras and Fire Station 27 to 8 cameras.

Each surveillance camera has a 1080p resolution capability, which is a significant improvement over the analog 720p resolution system. The system will also include a storage capacity for a 30 day retention period. Additionally, each site will have the wiring framework installed in preparation for future IP based MDVR systems.

Council approved an allocation of \$250,000 for this project from the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year end surplus funds. Public safety continues to be a top priority and the City will work to find innovative and cost effective ways to protect residents and businesses in Commerce.

From The Desk of Jorge Rifá City Administrator

To enhance the public's access to City records and information, the City Council approved an agreement with web based technology company Granicus, Inc. in December of 2013.

The agreement calls for Granicus, Inc. to provide services that use web and cloud based technologies to promote community engagement and legislative efficiency, as well as to increase staff efficiency, transparency and accessibility to public records, including online, on demand video streaming of Commerce City Council Meetings.

Government transparency is a priority and if we can provide the public with tools to stay abreast of the City's legislative actions everybody wins. It's part of the Council's effort to improve stakeholder communication and cultivate community engagement.

These mobile solutions offered by Granicus make dramatically improved external engagement for the public possible through streaming video and other data to phones and other devices.

The streaming of live and archived council meetings features a searchable video index that gives the public a fast and easy way to find specific segments or agenda items discussed at Council meetings. This video content can be archived with unlimited storage and distribution for all meetings and potentially, non meeting video content.

Also included is closed captioning of the meeting's audio for the hearing impaired and tools to help City staff analyze and measure public participation. The service will also capture and publish minutes of each meeting and has a component called VoteLog, which allows the public to track legislation, ordinances and voting member records through the City's website.

Granicus also provides the exclusive iLegislate iPad application that allows iPad users to review agendas and supporting materials, bookmark sections for later review and to take notes on agenda items.

Some of the new services from the Citizens Participation Suite will be implemented starting this month while additional components will be added in April and again later on in the summer.

The projected cost for these services for the remainder of the current Fiscal Year which ends on June 30 is \$30,708 and will be funded with savings from the Security Camera Installation/Upgrade project, which came in \$44,000 under the \$250,000 projected budget.

We hope everyone finds this new slate of services useful.

Sincerely,
Jorge Rifá

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Register for Important City Emergency and Notification Information

Immediate Notification on:

- City Emergency Information
- Time-sensitive Notifications
- Community Outreach
- Event Information

This service gives the City the ability to reach residents with crucial information in minutes. Registration is easy and takes less than a minute. Residents can choose to be reached via voice, text, email or social networks.

The Commerce Emergency Preparedness Office encourages all Commerce residents to register with the City's Blackboard Connect service.

To register, call Assistant Emergency Preparedness Officer Miguel Romero at (323) 887-4460 ext. 2809.

Congresswoman Helps Open New EOC

Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard joined city leaders and staff to officially open Commerce's new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located at 5639 Jillson Street. The state-of-the-art facility will serve as the headquarters for first responders during an emergency.

"The new EOC provides us with the technology to respond quickly and efficiently to emergencies," said Assistant Emergency Preparedness Officer Miguel Romero. "Together with our highly-trained personnel, this facility will help us better meet the safety needs of our residents."

In addition to being completely secure and fire resistant, the facility features a fully integrated audio/visual system al-

lowing staff to track progress on incidents, as well as monitor EOC functions. The facility is self-contained with a backup generator that will ensure operations continue even during power outages.

The Commerce Emergency Operations Center was fully funded through a one million dollar grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security which was coordinated through the California Emergency Management Agency with assistance from Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard. Also on hand were representatives from the offices of Senator Ricardo Lara and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia.



Regular Meeting of January 7, 2014

Received and filed a report on the new revision to the California Brown Act effective January 1, 2014.

Approved a resolution establishing fines for violation of the Commerce Municipal Code Section 9.060.020 (22) that prohibits smoking in City parks.

Authorized staff to file a grant application to the \$50,000 Local Sustainability Matching Fund for Smart Growth and Livable Communities.

Approved an award for information leading to the arrest of the perpetrator(s) in the Bandini Park vandalism incident.

Approved the purchase of four Nissan passenger vans in the amount of \$152,382 from Wondries Fleet Group.

Regular Meeting of December 17, 2013

Approved a project 'Request for Proposal' for the repair and maintenance of storm drain pump stations in the City of Commerce.

Approved a reimbursement agreement with Craig Realty, LLC in the amount of \$36,851.97 for the City's share of a total of \$100,528.95 split three ways with Craig Realty, LLC and the Commerce Hotel and Casino to repair and restripe pavement on Camfield Avenue, Flotilla Street, Hoefner Avenue, Smithway Street, Tubeway Avenue and Telegraph Road.

Approved a reimbursement agreement with the Commerce

Refuse to Energy Authority for approximately \$75,000 for the removal of existing gravel, curb, gutter and fencing, as well as installation of new curbing and expansion of pavement at the City's LNG/LCNG Fueling Station.

Approved an agreement with IntelliBridge Partners for City Clerk services at a rate of \$79 per hour projected for 32 hours each week.

Approved a Section 125 Plan that will allow employees to withhold a portion of their pre-tax salary to pay for out-of-pocket healthcare premiums in excess of the City's contribution amount.

Received and filed an update on the status of the proposed digital billboard ordinance.

Approved various Commerce City Council, Community Development Commission and Successor Agency to the Commerce Community Development Commission meeting minutes from years 2008 through 2013.

Approved an interim ordinance of the City enacting a 45 day moratorium on the establishment of pawnbroker, second hand dealer and money broker businesses in Commerce.

Adjourned in memory of Jesus Romero, father of Henry Romero, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Commander and former Commerce/East Los Angeles Station Captain.



Utilities, Service Providers and Quality of Life Issues

To assist residents in finding important information from local service and utility providers, as well as what agency to call regarding quality of life issues in your neighborhood, City staff has compiled the following list of phone numbers that can be cut out and saved for future reference.

Local Utility and Service Providers

AT&T Uverse:	(800) 310-2355
California Water Service Co.:	(323) 722-8601
Charter Communications:	(866) 499-8080
Direct TV:	(800) 531-5000
Southern California Edison:	(800) 655-4555
Southern California Gas Co.:	(800) 427-2200
Verizon:	(800) 483-3000

Environmental Quality

California Air Resources Board:

Idling locomotives, commercial vehicles
(800) 363-7664
California Department of Toxic Substances Control:
(800) 728-6942 or visit
www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/CalEPA_Complaint/index.cfm
California South Coast Air Quality Management District:
(909) 396-2000

Graffiti

Commerce Graffiti Hotline: (323) 887-4444

Animal Control

Commerce Public Safety Division:
(323) 887-4460 Mon.-Fri.
Los Angeles County Animal Control:
(562) 940-6898 Weekends/Evenings

Railroad Issues

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad: (800) 795-2673
Union Pacific Railroad: (800) 848-8715

Interstate Highways/Freeways

California Department of Transportation/Caltrans:
(916) 654-5266

Refuse Collection/Bulky Item Pickup

CalMet Services Inc.: (562) 259-1239

Public Safety

L.A. County Fire Department: (323) 881-2411
East Los Angeles Sheriff's Department: (323) 264-4151

Tree and Street Maintenance

Public Services (323) 887-4451
Street lights, potholes and traffic signals- (323) 887-4451

In the event of an emergency or life threatening

Preserving California's Water Supply

California is entering one of the driest winters on record. Rivers are running low and many reservoirs are being depleted which prompted Governor Jerry Brown to declare a drought emergency and urge residents to reduce water consumption by 20 percent.

The formal act of declaring a drought works twofold: it raises public awareness and may also accelerate relief efforts from the federal government. This includes hiring more seasonal firefighters and educational campaigns on conservation.

In 2009, when then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a drought emergency, the City of Commerce adopted Water Conservation Ordinance Number 619. The Ordinance prohibits residents from:

1. Hosing or washing down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas or other paved surfaces, except as is required for the benefit of public health and safety.
2. Watering lawns and landscaping between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
3. Watering more than once per day.
4. Watering to such an extent that causes runoff into streets, parking lots or alleys.

Residents should inspect all hoses, faucets and sprinkler systems as well as all accessible indoor plumbing and faucets for leaks and repair all leaks. Willful violation of Ordinance No. 619 shall be subject to written warning for the first violation and a fine of \$100 for each subsequent violation.

The topic of water can be complex because of the various government agencies and environmental groups involved. Among options that have been discussed are water transfers among local agencies, loosening water quality standards and a proposed water bond that is scheduled to be on the November ballot authored by neighboring Assemblyman Anthony Rendon.

In the meantime, residents can take steps to start their own water conservation efforts. Central Basin Water District, the agency that oversees water in the City of Commerce provides information on ways to conserve water as well as special district programs and rebates for residents and businesses. For more information, visit their website at www.central-basin.org or call (323) 201-5500.



Bulky Item Pickup

The City of Commerce would like to remind you that CalMet Services, Inc. provides a "Bulky Item Pick Up Service Program" year round. Currently there is no charge for this service, and it is available to all Commerce residents. All you need to do is contact CalMet Customer Service Department at (562) 259-1239 to schedule the service.

Here are the guidelines:

- Household Appliances – All doors must be removed or taped shut, and any salt or water must be emptied out.
- Items such as wood, branches, carpet, and mini blinds must be cut to lengths shorter than 4 feet and bundled with twine or string.
- Items not eligible – Construction materials such as concrete, asphalt, bricks, and dirt, as well as auto-

motive, boat, or vehicle parts will not be picked up. Hazardous waste is also ineligible and will not be picked up.

- Each residence may request bulky item pick up service a maximum of 12 times per year.
- There is a limit of 4 items or 4 bundles per service request.
- Bulky items are picked up the day of regular schedule trash collection.
- Request for service must be made via telephone no less than 24 hours prior to regularly scheduled trash collection, and all items must be placed curbside by 6:00 A.M. on collection day.

Keeping your property free of visible junk, trash, and debris helps to maintain a beautiful, attractive City of Commerce. Furthermore, maintaining visible junk, trash, and debris on your property is considered a public nuisance violation. We encourage residents to take advantage of the available services which helps us Keep Commerce beautiful.

If you have questions or would like more information, call

Literary World Goes Digital

The world's largest newsstand is now available through your local Commerce Library. Residents are able to access dozens of popular publications by downloading digital magazines on their mobile device. Library staff is available to help users download and learn about the interactive elements of the application. Magazine subjects include news, science, technology, sports,

travel, women, art, automotive, entertainment, home and lifestyle to name a few. No more waiting in lines, check out periods or even leaving your home. For more information, please call 323-722-6660 or visit www.cocpl.org.



Turning the Page to an Important Birthday Celebration

One of America's greatest literary giants once wrote – "I wish we could do what they do in Katroo. They sure know how to say 'Happy Birthday to You!'" That legendary author is Dr. Seuss and Commerce, much like Katroo, sure knows how to say Happy Birthday to You! In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday month, the Commerce public library will host four Read Across America programs that highlight the works of the beloved children's author while focusing on promoting literacy.

Children are invited to listen to stories by Dr. Seuss and other favorite children's books read by special guest readers from the community. They will also receive a visit from the always entertaining Cat in the Hat. The costumed character will arrive in a very Seussical style to play games with the children and lead a chorus in singing "Happy Birthday" to Dr. Seuss. Refreshments will be served and the programs are free and open to the public.

The 2014 Read Across America programs are as follows:

Monday March 5 at 5:00 pm

Commerce Senior Center

Tuesday March 6 at 6:00 pm

Atlantic Library

Wednesday March 7 at 6:00 pm

Greenwood Library

Thursday March 8 at 6:00 pm

Bristow Park Library



Competition Sure to Be a Knockout



Residents are invited to the 33rd Annual Boxing Show on Saturday, February 9 at Veterans Memorial Park from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. There will be approximately 18 bouts of exciting amateur boxing that will feature local Commerce boxers. "We're excited to host this tournament to showcase the outstanding athletes we have here in Commerce and the surrounding area," said Event Organizer Frank Garcia. "Boxing is a popular sport in our community and we expect a really good turnout."

Each year, this event attracts competitors from all over the local area. Although the City of Commerce has an award winning boxing program that has produced several Olympians, all of the boxers are not guaranteed a fight. The City's boxing tournaments fol-

low the USA Boxing Organization guidelines which match competitors based on age, weight and experience.

Part of the mission statement of the USA Boxing Organization is to promote and grow Olympic style boxing, as well as oversee and govern every aspect of amateur boxing in the United States. Females are also a large part of the sport worldwide and can compete in sanctioned amateur competitions within the United States and Internationally. Female boxers will be participating in the Commerce tournament.

An awards ceremony will take place immediately following the last bout. For more information, contact the Sports Division at (323) 887-4432.

Need help? Book – A – Librarian

Our Book – A – Librarian service allows you to spend up to 30 minutes with a Commerce librarian who can offer assistance tailored to your needs. We can help with many kinds of research.



- We offer help with job searching, cover letter and resume writing
- Researching a topic beyond Google
- Setting up and using an email account
- Plus much more!

Some things we are unable to help with:

- We do not provide medical, legal or business advice or opinions.
- We cannot write, type or proofread your documents.
- We do not offer technical support or troubleshooting except when it relates to library resources.
- We cannot assist with credit card transactions.

We encourage you to bring your laptop or a digital device to better help you. Please call your local library to set up an appointment or visit www.cocpl.org to fill out a Book-A-Librarian form. Reservations should be made one week in advance. Due to staff expertise and availability, your request might be referred to another location, or declined. We appreciate your understanding.

Typical requests include:

- Research a topic
- Learn to download e-books and e-magazines to your digital device
- Introduction to the library catalog – how to find a book, a CD or a DVD, place holds or manage your account

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



Branch Out On Tree Maintenance

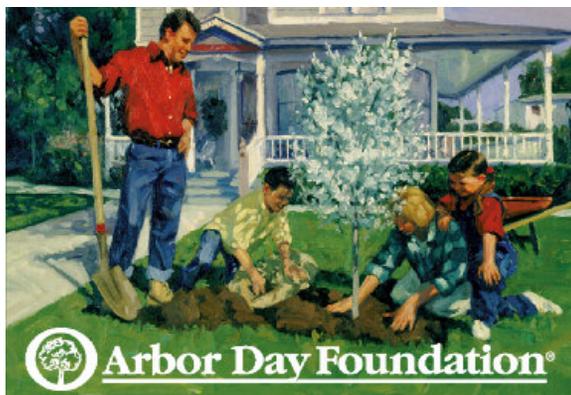
Trees are a vital resource for maintaining a healthy environment which is why residents are encouraged to help care for them. Trees that are on the parkway/greenbelt area just outside of resident's yards should be cared for by the property owner. This means watering and sweeping up of leaves. Anything beyond that, residents should call the City.

In this era of water conservation, it is important to note that established trees do not need as much watering as newly planted trees. Residents who water their grass are probably providing sufficient water for the trees that are near the sidewalk. The proper method of watering trees is a slow, low flow which allows for the water to penetrate deeper in the soil, encouraging the roots to stay below the surface. Watering on high only waters the top layer of soil which causes roots to look for that source of water, forcing them to grow upwards.

One major complaint about trees is the amount of leaves that need to be picked up. Hector Orozco, the City's Street and Tree Maintenance Supervisor, suggests a simple solution. "I encourage residents to take advantage of the street sweeper and sweep leaves and trash into the street on the day

the sweeper goes by."

According to the US Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research Station, communities with large tree canopies are typically 5-10 degrees cooler, and as much as 20 degrees cooler, in the shade compared to areas without shade. Not only do urban forests conserve energy but experts report they can also reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 6.3 million metric tons per year. With Commerce being an industrial city and major transportation hub, it is important that we care for the trees that are helping our community in



so many ways.

It is also recommended to keep a two foot barrier around the tree free of grass to prevent running gardening equipment into the trees. The constant hitting of the bark eventually wears out and cuts off the vascular part of the tree. This prevents roots from sending nutrients back up into the tree which will eventually kill it, especially newly planted ones. For additional information about trees and maintenance, visit the National Arbor Day Foundation at www.arborday.org.



A Great Dane of A Trip

Founded by a small group of Danish teachers over 100 years ago, Solvang is a quaint little town nestled in the Santa Ynez Valley. Visitors are literally transported to another place on the globe where horse drawn wagons and windmills add to the charm, where Danish architecture is prominent and Germanic culture is rich.

Solvang is a popular tourist destination with over 300 antique shops, smorgasboards, clothing stores, souvenir shops, cafes, cobbler shops and bakeries. The City of Commerce is offering an excursion to Solvang for whole family on Saturday, March 15 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm for only \$2.00 per person. As an option, residents can partake in the annual "Taste of Solvang" event, which allows visitors to sample delicious food and drinks from area eateries. The cost for the Taste of



Solvang is separate. Registration begins on Tuesday, February 25.

Please note that registration is also taking place for three upcoming adult only excursions which include Morro Bay on Saturday, March 29 from 7:00 am to 7:00pm for \$2.00 per person, San Diego on Saturday, April 26 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm for \$2.00 per person and Calico on Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm for \$10.00 per person. The Calico excursion includes entry to the City's

Spring Festival which features Americana music, food and an arts and crafts fair.

All trips depart from the City Hall parking lot and seats are limited. However, trips will be cancelled if a minimum of 20 participants are not enrolled 48 hours prior to the trip date. For more information residents can call the Parks and Recreation office to sign up at (323) 887-4434.

Department of Parks and Recreation
Sports Division

2014 Commerce Golf Association Tournament Schedule

Date	Course	Pick Up	Cost
03/08	Golf Club at Rancho Calif., Murietta	CC: 6:00 a.m.	\$67
		BP: 6:30 a.m.	
04/12	Hidden Valley Golf Club, Norco	CC: 7:00 a.m.	\$69
		BP: 7:30 a.m.	
05/03	Lakewood Country Club, Lakewood	No Bus	\$66
06/14	Steel Canyon Golf Course, Jamul	CC: 6:30 a.m.	\$89
		BP: 7:00 a.m.	
07/12	Los Verdes Golf Course,	CC: 8:00 a.m.	\$65
08/09	River Ridge Golf Course, Ventura	CC: 6:30 a.m.	\$73
09/13	Rancho San Joaquin Golf Course, Irvine	CC: 7:00 a.m.	\$67
		BP: 7:30 a.m.	
Oct.	Golf Weekender in Pechanga, Temecula	TBD	TBD
11/08	Twin Oaks Golf Course, San Marcos	CC: 6:30 a.m.	\$65
		BP: 7:00 a.m.	
12/06	Tahquitz Creek Golf Course	CC: 5:00 a.m.	\$74
		BP: 5:30 a.m.	

CC: City of Commerce Pickup
BP: Buena Park Park N Ride Pickup

ALL PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
TO BE PLACED ON THE GOLF MAILING LIST CONTACT FRANK GARCIA AT (323) 887-4432 OR FRANKG@CI.COMMERCE.CA.US

The Gallery



COMMERCE BUSINESS MAKES THE NASDAQ



Diamond Sofa and its parent company Nova LifeStyle, Inc. held a party at their Commerce headquarters to celebrate being listed as a publicly traded company on the NASDAQ (National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations) exchange. From l. to r. are independent directors Peter Kam and Michael Viotto, Director Steven Liu, President Tawny Lam, Director George Cheung and James Talevish, CPA.

DRIVE THROUGH BAKERY UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Rolling Pin Donuts and Bakery will be opening their second California store later this year at the corner of Eastern Avenue and Washington Boulevard. Rolling Pin's drive through bakery concept incorporates upscale, modern interiors to enhance the dining experience. An additional restaurant will also open at the location.

TEMPORARY LIBRARY OPEN



The Commerce Central Library will continue to be open to serve the public while the Central Library renovation is under construction thanks to the City's dedicated library staff.

CLEAN, GREEN PARKS



Park Maintenance Worker Gus Luna, pictured here at the Commerce Civic Center, is a member of the City's dedicated staff that keeps Commerce parks clean and green.

TEA WITH THE QUEEN



Commerce girls and boys ages 3 to 10 dressed up as princesses and other favorite characters as part of the Royal Tea Party with Miss Commerce Shanese Perea and the Royal Court at Bandini Park.

WORKING TOGETHER



Bell Gardens Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Carlos Cruz and his counterpart Eddie Tafoya of the Commerce Industrial Council were among five area chambers collaborating to increase local business success at the 'Networking Breakfast 3.0' hosted by Stevens Steak and Seafood House in January.

PRODUCTIVE BUSINESS COMMUNITY



More than 150 people attended the Networking Breakfast 3.0, which brought together businesses and members of the Bell Gardens, Commerce, Montebello, Monterey Park and Santa Fe Springs Chambers of Commerce to promote business in the Southeast region.



FEBRUARY 2014

COMMERCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>March 2014</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>30 31</p>	<p>April 2014</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30</p>	<p>May 2014</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	 <p>KEEP COMMERCE Beautiful</p>			<p>1</p> <p><i>"The fight is never about grapes or lettuce. It is always about people."</i> Cesar Chavez</p>
<p>2</p> <p><i>"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."</i> Nelson Mandela</p>	<p>3</p> <p>English Book Club EOC Room 6 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Advisory Commission 7 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Senior Citizens Commission 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Video Game Event Bristow Library 4 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Boxing Show Veterans Park 1 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Internet Basics Class Atlantic Library 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Education Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Internet Basics Class Bristow Library 4 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Lincoln's Birthday City Hall & Libraries Closed</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Internet Basics Class Greenwood Library 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Community Services Commission 6 p.m.</p> <p>Traffic Commission EOC Room 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p> 	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Washington's Birthday Observed City Hall & Libraries Closed</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Library Embajadores Meeting EOC Room 6 p.m.</p> <p>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Video Game Event Atlantic Library 4 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."</i> Benjamin Franklin</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Washington's Birthday</p> 
<p>23</p> <p><i>"The time is always right to do what is right."</i> Martin Luther King Jr.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Spanish Reading Club EOC Room 6 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Library Commission 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Video Game Event Greenwood Library 4 p.m.</p> <p>Teen Book Club EOC Room, 4 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	

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Internship Opportunities with the Office of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard



The office of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard who represents the 40th District, which includes the City of Commerce, has an open filing process and is accepting resumes from college students interested in interning at the district office in Commerce or the Washington, DC office.

Students who are selected as interns will earn experience by assisting the Congresswoman's district staff, gaining firsthand knowledge about how a Congressional office provides constituent services and interacting with the community.

Interns in the DC office will have an opportunity to learn about the legislative process and the federal government by working closely with the legislative, communications and constituent services staff members.

Internships are unpaid and candidates chosen for the Washington, DC office may be responsible for paying their travel and living expenses. However, interns in either office can arrange to receive academic credit for their work. The program is open to all area college students, regardless of their academic major.

Candidates interested in an internship with the district office in Commerce should call (323) 721-8790. Candidates interested in an internship with the Washington, DC office should email their resume, cover letter, and 1-2 letters of recommendation specific to the internship to william.kauffman@mail.house.gov.

Streets and Roads Update

In 2013 the City of Commerce completed a number of projects to improve Commerce's streets and roads, which included the Bandini, Bristow and Rosewood neighborhoods of Commerce.

Streets and roads will continue to be priority in 2014 with a number of major street infrastructure projects planned. The key project is the \$35 million Washington Boulevard Project, which will reconstruct the entire length of Washington from the City's west border at Los Angeles to the east border adjacent to Montebello.

Another major project kicking off this year is the \$1.5 million Telegraph Road Project, which will address the street issues from the Mixmas-



ter at Atlantic Boulevard to the City's Downey border.

"Our goal is clean, safe well maintained streets. Keeping up maintenance on our infrastructure prevents imminent pavement failure and will help us reduce long term repair costs," said Assistant Director of Public Works and Development Services Department Alex Hamilton.

Also in the works is Phase II of the Bristow Area Street Improvement Project. In addition, the City Council will consider project recommendations on streets, roads and other infrastructure projects from the Measure AA Advisory Committee, which will be related to funding from the Measure AA half cent sales tax passed by Commerce voters in 2012. The measure is estimated to generate \$4.5 to 5 million annually.

Commerce City Channel 3

Award winning cablecasts of the Successor Agency Meeting /City Council Concurrent Regular Meeting

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Live every 1st and 3rd Tues.) Mondays 8 a.m., 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

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Commerce Public Affairs Show: Library Renovation

Mondays at 12 p.m., Tuesdays at 10:30 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 Concert Series Song & Dance

Mondays at 6 p.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.

Cheap Eats

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.