



Report to the People

*Where Quality Service
Is Our Tradition*

Volume 54 No.6 June 2014

THE MODEL CITY

www.ci.commerce.ca.us

In This Issue

PAGE 2
Municipal Notes
Council Actions

PAGE 3
City Hires New
Directors



Ways to Beat
the Heat

PAGE 4
Library Activities
Cinco de Mayo
Recap

PAGE 5
Walk and Talk with
ASM Garcia

Camp Commerce

PAGE 6
Cute Kids



Congresswoman's
Art Contest

PAGE 7
Calendar of Events



Business Profile: SafeShred Provides Security, Sustainability

Located on Malt Avenue, SafeShred provides document destruction services to businesses and members of the public.

Commerce based document and media destruction company SafeShred's motto is "Protect Your Company. Protect Your Brand. Protect Your Identity." This is a motto they live up to by providing comprehensive document shredding, as well as product and media destruction services to businesses, government agencies and the public.

In addition to providing security for people and organizations, SafeShred also emphasizes sustainability with their business practices. This sustainable approach is exemplified by their efforts to keep products out of landfills through recycling. "Recycling reduces the need to use raw materials, saving entire ecosystems from damage due to overuse. Our policies are not only good for the company, but for the environment," said SafeShred's General Manager Tami Maynard.

According to SafeShred's website, their recycling efforts saved 201,347 cubic yards of landfill space, 1.1 million trees, approximately 470 million gallons of water, 25.5 million gallons of oil, 268 million kilowatts of energy and more than 1.8 million pounds of air pollutants. "Recycling is our purpose for being here. We supply raw materials to paper mills all over the Pacific Rim," said Maynard.

SafeShred's machines handle an average of 184 tons of paper per day, which is shredded then packaged into bales that weigh over 2,000 lbs. These one-ton plus bales are then loaded into

containers and transported by ship to various destinations such as China, which according to Maynard is the largest consumer of waste paper. They use it to produce cardboard boxes, tissue, paper plates, paper cups and newspaper.

While most companies can't accommodate product destruction beyond paper, SafeShred specialized in destroying and recycling plastic and other materials. "Hard drives are a specific thing we do. They are 100% recyclable and local businesses re-use the different precious metals on the circuit boards, which include copper, gold, and platinum," said Maynard.

In addition to hard drives, SafeShred's state-of-the-art machines allow them to destroy virtually any type of item, in any quantity, anywhere in the United States, including rigid metals and oversized items. SafeShred has safely destroyed and recycled items like guns and golf clubs. On one occasion they destroyed a giant hand from Disney character 'Goofy' which was approximately 20' tall by 10' wide.

SafeShred also does a great deal of business with the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to destroy counterfeit merchandise that could be worth millions of dollars on the street. According to Maynard, they've destroyed toys and things like clothing and accessories that mimic high end retail brands

Continued on page 8

Water Polo Alum Competes in NCAA Tournament



Commerce's very own Stephanie Contreras (pictured center) is flanked by her teammates from Arizona State University's highly sought after women's water polo team freshman class.

Former Commerce Women's Water Polo player Stephanie Contreras of the Arizona State University (ASU) Women's Water Polo Team competed in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Women's Water Polo Tournament held at the University of Southern California on May 10-11.

Stephanie, whose team edged out UC Irvine to finish fifth in their first ever NCAA tournament berth, is part of a strong freshman class of players recruited from all over the world, which includes Greece's Alkistis Benekou and Brazil's Isabella Chapini.

"Stephanie adds depth to our team and played very well throughout the season. It's only her first year but we expect she'll be a big contributor," said Jeremy Hawkes, Assistant Media Relations Director at ASU. He added that Stephanie was

Continued on page 8

4th of July Celebration Features Food, and Fireworks

The very popular and highly-anticipated Independence Day Celebration will be held Thursday, July 3 – Sunday, July 6 at Rosewood Park. The weekend kicks off with a community carnival that will include rides for the whole family, food booths and music.

The Annual 5K Freedom Run will be held on Friday, July 4 at 8:10 am SHARP. Participants will start at the corner of Commerce Way and Harbor Street and are encouraged to run, jog or stroll the route through the Rosewood Park neighborhood. Registration for the 5K Run begins on Tuesday, June 3 at the Department of Parks and Recreation counter in City Hall.

Miss Fourth of July, Natalie Melendez will host Commerce's Independence Day program which will begin at 2 pm to 10:30 pm on July 4th. There will be live entertainment for all ages along with delicious food, games and much more. Residents interested in showing off their entertaining skills should sign up for 'Commerce's Got Talent' competition which will be held during the Fourth of July celebration. All types of talent and ages are welcome. Each act must not exceed two minutes and must be free of inappropriate language or movements. Call the Department of Parks and Recreation to schedule an audition.

Shelters, Picnic spots, and BBQ area Reservations for Rosewood Park July 4, 2014

- Reservations start Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at Parks & Recreation.
- No fee for Picnic spots or BBQ area to Commerce residents.
- \$10 for shelters. Must be 21 years of age and older to reserve.
- Current Resident Activity card required at time of reservation.
- One reservation per household.
- Unreserved spots will become available to non-residents on the morning of July 4th for a \$25 fee. Reservations will be taken at the Independence Day Celebration Information Booth beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Independence Day Celebration

Friday, July 4, 2014
2:00 p.m.- 10:30 p.m.
Fireworks Display 9:00 p.m.

From The Desk of Jorge Rifá City Administrator

The City is in the final stages of approving the 2014/2015 operating budget, which will fund quality programs and services to meet the needs of Commerce residents and businesses. While the local economy is on an upswing after a prolonged recession, the City Council continues to be cautious in financial decisions to protect the City's financial health both present and future.

To reinforce the Council's long term prospectus on economic stability, there are a number of projects moving forward to improve the City's infrastructure. Many of these projects are made possible due to the revenue from Measure AA, the half cent sales tax measure approved by 68% of Commerce voters in 2012.

The City began collecting Measure AA revenue in April of 2013. Initially projected to generate \$4.5 to \$5 million annually, returns thus far indicate that this number will be significantly higher. This revenue has resulted in the approval of a number of projects, which include the Slauson Avenue Tree, Street and Sidewalk Improvement project and the resurfacing of the outdoor basketball courts at all City parks. We will continue to report new infrastructure and beautification projects that will improve the look and feel of the City.

These projects are important because businesses invest in communities that prioritize infrastructure, which in turn provides a solid economic development foundation on which to build profitable enterprises. Efforts thus far have recently been successful in helping the City attract new businesses that include the Rolling Pin drive through bakery, which opened last month, as well as the new Farmer Boys Burgers and Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf. Both businesses will open soon at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Telegraph Road. The City also works hard in another facet of economic development: business retention. MGM Transformer and the 99 Cents Stores are two fairly recent examples of the City reaching out to its local business community.

While the City has been working to improve infrastructure, we've also maintained our focus on facilities. A good example of this is the renovation of the Central Library, which has been virtually unchanged since it was first opened in 1964. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held later this year to celebrate this much needed update to the award winning Commerce Public Library System. The improved library will provide a new and dynamic environment with educational and recreational opportunities for patrons of all ages.

I'd like to encourage families to participate in the Summer Reading Program, starting June 23. This program is a great way to help young people improve their reading skills over the summer. Story times, crafts, movies and puppet shows are just some of the activities planned this summer. It's free to join and programs are free to attend. Check out the library's website at www.cocpl.org for more details.

With the arrival of summer we want to make sure everyone keeps cool during days with extreme temperatures. Ways to keep cool in Commerce include the children's spray pools at all four City parks, as well as recreational swimming at the Brenda Villa Aquatic Center. For more information call (323) 887-4404. The spray pools will be open from June 28 through September 1.

Father's Day is June 17. Don't forget to take time to acknowledge and appreciate your dad.

Sincerely,
Jorge Rifá

Report to the People

Published Monthly and Mailed to Commerce Residents

Editing/Writing:
Jason Stinnett
Herlinda Chico

**Graphics Design/
Layout & Printing:**
Anthony Aguilar

PIO Staff:
Darryl Leyden
Marie Hovik
Edward Torres
Joe Sandoval
Adriana Torres

Please call (323) 887-4453 or (323) 887-4447
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
or visit us online at www.ci.commerce.ca.us.

Municipal Notes

Free Workshop to Learn About Housing Rights

The City of Commerce Community Services Department has partnered with the Housing Rights Center for a free Housing Rights Workshop. This presentation is for tenants and the topics that will be covered include: fair housing laws, evictions, rent increases, sexual harassment, notices to vacate, late fees, illegal practices, security deposits, repairs, disability rights, familial status and advertisements.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 9 from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm in the Community Services Conference Room

located at 2535 Commerce Way. To RSVP, please call (800) 477-5977 ext. 1102. The mission of the Housing Rights Center is to actively support and promote fair housing through education, advocacy and litigation, to the end that all persons have the opportunity to secure the housing they desire and can afford, without discrimination based on their race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, familial status, marital status, disability, ancestry, age, source of income or other characteristics protected by law.

Regular Meeting of May 6

Commended Commerce resident Adalberto Vidal on the occasion of her 100th birthday.



Acknowledged the winners of the Arbor Day poster contest from Bandini Elementary and Rosewood School.



Received the Tree City USA Award from the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Forestry Division.

Acknowledged Commerce Teen Librarian Sonia Bautista for receiving a "Woman of Distinction" award from Assemblymember Cristina Garcia.

Proclaimed the week of May 11-17 as National Transportation Week in the City of Commerce.

Proclaimed the week of May 18-24 as National Public Works Week in the City of Commerce.

Approved a request for proposal for the purchase of an Automated Intelligent Transportation System and a wireless WiFi for the system.

Received and filed the Certificates of Insufficiency relating to the separate Petitions for Recall.

Received a report on placement of "No Idling" signs in designated areas of the City of Commerce.

Received a report on a recreational sports fee waiver for Bristow Park teams.

Received a report on the "PLUS" Resident Activity Card.

Received a report on facility meeting room rental policy.

Approved a request for qualifications for consultant services to develop an on-call list of qualified CIP consultants.

Received and filed a report on the City's accomplishments for the period of 2012 to 2014.

Approved an agreement with PCR Services Corporation to Conduct Review of the Environmental Analysis for the Proposed Project known as Specific Plan No. 13-01 Commercial Retail Center Project at the Southwest corner of Atlantic Boulevard and Washington Boulevard.

Approved an agreement with Transtech Engineers, Inc. for a contract permit technician.

Approved an agreement with Blodgett Baylosis Environmental Planning to conduct and complete the environmental analysis and documentation for the proposed digital billboard ordinance.

Regular Meeting of April 15

Proclaimed April 2014 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and "Denim Day" in the City of Commerce.

Proclaimed April 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Commerce.

Proclaimed the week of April 20-26, 2014 as West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week.

Approved the 2014 Youth Education and Service (Y.E.S.) Leadership and Mentoring Program.

Approved an amendment to the Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan by revising the classification specifications for Recreation Aide, Recreation Leader, Senior Recreation Leader, Park Maintenance Trainee and Park Maintenance Worker.

Received and filed a single Audit Report on Federal Awards for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013.

Approved the Second Amendment to the agreement with HdL Software, LLC to include HdL's new prime business software system with web module and related services.

Approved the Second Amendment to the agreement with Nationwide Environmental Services, a Division of Joe's Sweeping, Inc. for a rate adjustment.

Approved an agreement with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. for the 4th of July Pyrotechnic Display at Rosewood Park.

Approved an Extension of the City of Commerce temporary Senior Citizen Rent Subsidy Program.

Received and filed update on the Green Zones Project.

Approved Change Order No. 02 for the Central Library Renovation Project.

Approved the fifth amendment to the professional services agreement for design and engineering services with RBF Consulting for the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project and to provide professional survey support.

Directed staff to reduce and eliminate earthquake insurance coverage and use all or a portion of the cost toward future efforts to retrofit City facilities or have them placed in a reserve fund for facility construction.

Adopted an ordinance approving Title 26 of the LA Co Building Code; Title 27, LA Co Electrical Code; Title 28, LA Co Plumbing Code; Title 29, LA Co Mechanical Code; New Title 30, LA Co Residential Code; New Title 31, 2014 LA Co Green Building Standards Code and Title 32, LA Co and District Fire Code; by amending Section 15.04.010 of Chapter 15.04 ("Building Laws") and Section 16.04.010 of Chapter 16.04 ("Fire Prevention Code") of the Commerce Municipal Code.

Adopted an ordinance amending sections of the Commerce Municipal Code simplifying the process related to transfers of points related to card clubs.

Approved support of Assembly Bill (AB) 2189 if amended to reflect the position of the City of Commerce related to water replenishment districts and assessment fees.

Adjourned in memory of former resident Hazel Franceschini, spouse of former longtime resident and Commerce retiree Mario Franceschini.



New Directors Guiding Commerce in New Direction

The City of Commerce recently filled two vacant Directors positions. Matthew Rodriguez is the new Director of Community

Services. He has an extensive background in law enforcement and working for public agencies. Most recently Matt was the Deputy Director of Transit System Security where he managed security services for the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and reported directly to the Chief of Police. Matt was responsible for oversight of many staff members including managers, Code Compliance Officers and 200 Transit System Security Officers. He was also tasked with supervising transit security for special events at Charger NFL football games and Padre MLB baseball games.

Matt is also a 25-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and was promoted to the rank of Captain by Sheriff Lee Baca. He commanded the Transit Services Bureau within the Office of Homeland Security Division, served as a Department Spokesperson at Sheriff's Headquarters Bureau and also as an Advanced Officer Trainer at the Mandated Training Unit and as a Staff Instructor at the Recruit Training Unit.

"Commerce has always been viewed in high regard by the Sheriff's Department. When the opportunity presented itself for me to work here, I never gave it a second thought," said Matt. "I thoroughly enjoy the family atmosphere within the City of Commerce and my experience thus far has been amazing. I'm proud to be a member of the Commerce family."

Matt earned an Associate of Science Degree in Administration of Justice from Citrus Community College. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science with an emphasis in Public Law from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Master of Public Administration (MPA) from California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), and a Master's degree in Executive Leadership (EML) from the University of Southern California (USC). He completed the Executive Course in Counter-Terrorism at USC's Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorist Events (CREATE) and is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor's Society. In 2013, Matt traveled to Israel where he trained with counter-terrorism and Homeland Security experts.

In his spare time Matt enjoys reading, playing guitar, and spending quality time with his family. He is a lifelong USC football fan and enjoys attending home games at the Coliseum.

Maryam Babaki is the City's new Director of Public Works and



Matt Rodriguez



Maryam Babaki

Community Development, a recently merged department. A graduate from San Diego State University in Civil Engineering, Maryam began her career working for the California Department of Transportation (Cal Trans) in San Diego. After about 5 years she transferred to Cal Trans offices in San Francisco where she oversaw the BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) extension project as part of a Contra Costa County Tax Measure. While she was in San Francisco, she met her husband Kayvon who is a chemist. When Kayvon was offered a great job opportunity in New York, the couple relocated to the East Coast. Maryam began working as a consultant overseeing the Newark Airport Expansion under

the Port Authority. Maryam's office was in the World Trade Center where she worked until she and her husband left for Boulder, Colorado in the year 2000. Maryam recalls every second of the moment she watched the Twin Towers fall just one year later. Fortunately, all of her former co-workers survived.

After a brief stint in Colorado, the pair moved to Baltimore where

Maryam worked for the City in the Engineering and Construction Department. She managed a staff of 140 people that served a population of 650,000 residents. Eventually, Maryam returned home to Southern California to be closer to her aging parents. She owned her own consulting business which allowed her the flexibility to be there for her parents. She was the City Engineer and later the Director of Development Services for the City of National City which she says the industrial base and population are very similar to the City of Commerce.

"I am so excited to be working for Commerce, a city committed to rebuilding its infrastructure," said Maryam. "I look around and see so much that can be done as far as economic development. With the support of the Council, staff and residents, we're ready to take this City to the next level."

Maryam loves movies and she and her husband have been to the Sundance Film Festival several times. She enjoys traveling and entertaining family and friends with dinner parties where she and her husband share their culinary skills. Maryam and her husband have two cats who are essentially their children: Pashmak, which means cotton ball in Farsi, and Thusi which is an abbreviated term for enthusiastic.

'Getting LA Back 2 Work' and EBDC are a One-Two Punch for Local Economy



To help develop a strong workforce and increase employment, the 'Getting LA Back 2 Work' initiative has partnered with the Commerce Employment and Business Development Center and other agencies with a variety of programs and services that serve job seekers and employers.

"A strong workforce is a critical component for a thriving economy. We're building a bridge between employers and employees to strengthen the workforce in Commerce and throughout Los Angeles County," said Monica Perez, Project Coordinator for 'Getting LA Back 2 Work.'

Help for Job Seekers

'Getting LA Back 2 Work' is able to help job seekers who were laid off from specific public and private sector employers during the recession by providing them training and re-employment services. Employers include the Los Angeles Unified School District, Albertson's Market, Macy's and AT&T. Job seekers that wish to find out if they are eligible for the 'Getting LA Back 2 Work' program are encouraged to call the Employment and Business Development Center.

Job seekers who are not eligible for the program can file an application with the Employment and Business Development Center, which has strong relationships with employers in Commerce and throughout the LA area.

Help for Employers

'Getting LA Back 2 Work' also benefits businesses by helping them find qualified workers by utilizing more than half a million dollars in federal grant money to train and/or educate them for retraining and re-employment. Both public and private sector employers have benefitted with new hires as a direct result of the program, including the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles County Superior Court and HomeGoods.

'Getting LA Back 2 Work' is funded through grants from the US Department of Labor and the State of California Discretionary Fund. These funds can be used to train new employees with reimbursements to employers with 50 or fewer employees for up to 90% of out of pocket expenses. While companies with 50 or more employees are eligible for reimbursement for up to 50% of their costs.

In addition, the EBDC provides free referral services to help businesses strengthen their workforce by matching job seekers of varying skill level with job openings for which they are qualified. "Our professional staff has years of experience in meeting the needs of job seekers and employers so we encourage you to give us a call," said Commerce's Employment Services Senior Representative Liz Chavez.

For job seekers and businesses that would like more information on the 'Getting LA Back 2 Work' program and the Employment and Business Development Center, please call (323) 887-4461 or visit their page on the City's website at www.ci.commerce.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=105.

Beat the Heat, City Pools, Parks, Centers and Libraries Open to Help Residents Stay Cool

Summer's high temperatures can pose health risks, especially to individuals who do not have access to air conditioning or other cooling resources. The City of Commerce reminds residents that air-conditioned City facilities can provide much needed relief from the scorching days of summer.

The facilities available for the public to cool off at during regular business hours are the park buildings at Bandini, Bristow, Rosewood and Veterans Parks; Atlantic, Bristow, Central and Greenwood Libraries; Senior Center; Teen Center and the Brenda Villa Aquatic Center during regular business hours.

On days when the temperature exceeds 95 degrees all four City Parks will play family movies during operational hours and provide chilled water.

Sports practices and outdoor activities will be held in the morning or early evening times when the weather forecast predicts temperatures of 95 degrees or higher. Sports and outdoor activities will be suspended when the air quality exceeds the moderate level.

Tips to help with the summertime heat:

- Pay attention to your hydration status and be sure to drink plenty of fluids.
- Avoid hot, enclosed places, such as cars. Never leave children or pets unattended in a car parked in the sun.
- Use a fan, if available.
- Stay on the lowest floor of your building.
- Eat well-balanced, light and regular meals.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight and light-colored clothing.
- Cover windows that receive a significant amount of sun with drapes or shades to help keep your house cool.
- Weather stripping and proper insulation will keep cool air inside your home.

For hours of operation for Commerce facilities visit the City's website at www.ci.commerce.ca.us or call (323) 887-4404.

Finding Inspiration at the Commerce Library

FIZZ! BOOM! READ!

Kick-Off Show:

New Orleans Style Jazz for Children with Jazzy Ash & The Leaping Lizards
10:00 A.M. Saturday, June 21
Commerce Senior Center
2555 Commerce Way
Commerce CA

June 23 – August 9

Registration begins June 23

Tiny Tots Program: Birth to 3 Years
Children's Program: 4 Years to 5th Grade (completed)

READ all summer! Earn free PRIZES! FUN and Entertaining Programs!

Commerce Central Library

5655 Jillson Street

Atlantic Branch

2269 S. Atlantic Blvd.

Bristow Park Branch

1466 S. McDonnell Avenue

Greenwood Branch

6134 Greenwood Avenue

For more information, call (323) 722-6660 or go to www.cocpl.org

On June 30 at 5 p.m. the SRP will also be hosting The Wacko Show at the Senior Center. Registration begins on June 23 and reporting begins on June 30. For more information visit your local Commerce library or call the Central Library at (323) 722-6660.

Celebrate Father's Day

Kids 6 years and older can celebrate Father's Day with their dads over lunch at the Atlantic Branch Library on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 11 a.m. Space is limited to a party of 1-2 kids and Dad. Kids must register in person at Atlantic Library. For more information please call (323) 780-1176 or visit www.cocpl.org

Library Computer Classes

To provide Library patrons with E-learning opportunities the Commerce Public Library System is offering free computer classes at Commerce Libraries.

For more information or to sign up, visit the Atlantic, Bristow Park, Greenwood or Central Library reference desk or call at 323 722-6660 ext. 2824. Upcoming dates and times are listed below:

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher at Atlantic Library

Monday, June 9, 2014, 5:30-7:30 PM

Introduction to Microsoft Publisher Bristow Park Library

Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 4:00-6:00 PM

Introduction to the Internet Greenwood Library

Thursday, June 12, 2014, 5:30-7:30 PM and

CINCO DE MAYO Celebration



Miss Commerce stopped by the Citadel's Cinco de Mayo Celebration and met Water & Power Producer and legendary actor Edward James Olmos and star of the feature film Emilio Rivera.



Hot Shots Tee Ball Teams kicked off their season during the Cinco de Mayo festivities.



Miss Cinco de Mayo, Mariah Rose Pino (far right) hosted the packed festivities at Bristow Park with the Royal Court.



American Red Cross

Emergency Preparedness Checklist

The next time disaster strikes, you may not have much time to act. Prepare now for a sudden emergency by learning how to protect yourself and cope with disaster by planning ahead. This checklist will help you get started.

Discuss these ideas with your family, then post an emergency plan where everyone will see it-on the refrigerator or bulletin board.

Call Your Emergency Preparedness Office

- Find out what disasters could occur in your area.
- Ask how to prepare for each disaster.
- Ask how you would be warned of an emergency.
- Learn your community's evacuation routes.
- Ask about special assistance for elderly or disabled persons.

Also...

- Ask your workplace about emergency plans.
- Learn about emergency plans for your children's school or day care center.

Create an Emergency Plan

- Meet with household members. Discuss with children the dangers of fire, severe weather, earthquakes and other emergencies.
- Discuss how to respond to each disaster that could occur.

Emergency Checklist

- Discuss what to do about power outages and personal injuries.
- Draw a floor plan of your home. Mark two escape routes from each room.
- Learn how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches.
- Post emergency telephone numbers near telephones.
- Teach children how and when to call 911, as well as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Fire Department.

- Instruct household members to turn on the radio for emergency information.
- Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative for family members to call if separated by disaster (it is often easier to call out-of-state than within the affected area).
- Teach children how to make long distance telephone calls.
- Pick two meeting places:
 1. A place near your home in case of fire.
 2. A place outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after a disaster.
- Take a basic first aid and CPR class.
- Keep family records in a water and fire-proof container.

Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit

Assembly supplies you might need in an evacuation. Store them in an easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or duffel bag. It should include:

- A supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers. Identify the storage date and replace every six months.
- A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can opener.
- A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes.
- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- A first aid kit and prescription medications.
- An extra pair of glasses.
- A battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.
- Credit cards and cash.
- An extra set of car keys.
- A list of family physicians and prescription medicines.
- A list of important family information; the style and serial number of medical devices such as pacemakers.
- Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members.

For additional information about how to prepare for hazards in

Commerce Women's Water Polo Player Turns Michigan Wolverine



Laura was surrounded by her father Sergio and mother Sandra as well as her coaches, MUSD administration and media for the signing.



Laura proudly stands in front of her high school pool.

Laura Jimenez has recently been added to the long list of Commerce athletes recruited by a major university. Last month surrounded by family and friends, Laura signed a letter of intent to play water polo at the University of Michigan.

Born premature with a perforated lung, it is a feat that Laura is able to play a sport that requires such endurance let alone excel at it as she has. It was Doctors who, early on, suggested that swimming would help strengthen Laura's lungs so she began swimming at age 5. Three years later, she joined the Commerce Aquatic Club and never looked back. At Montebello

High School, Laura was a four-year varsity player, selected as co-captain of her team and also as co-MVP of the Almont League in her senior year. She was also a Whittier Daily News All-Area first-team selection and she made the All-CIF Division 2 second team.

One skill that sets Laura apart and makes her an elite player is the ability to shoot ambidextrously. Opponents have trouble defending against Laura because she can score with both her right and left hands. In her senior season, Laura racked up 77 goals, led the team

in assists and was second on the team in steals.

However, to be accepted into a prestigious institution like the University of Michigan, Laura had to excel academically as well. Sergio and Sandra Jimenez, Laura's parents, helped her maintain a balance between athletics and academics, always emphasizing school first. It was this teamwork that propelled Laura into a being a highly sought-after student athlete. As a Wolverine, Laura will study civil engineering. The City of Commerce wishes Laura the best at the University of Michigan!



Laura receives a big hug from her mom Sandra. Laura was surprised by the signing ceremony her parents had arranged.

Summer Vacation in Lake Arrowhead

Schools out and that means one thing: Summer Vacation! Registration begins for Camp Commerce on Saturday, June 7 at 8:00 am – 12:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. Wristbands will be issued from 8:00 am to 8:45 am and randomly called for registration beginning at 9:00 am. Residents who arrive after 8:45 am will be placed on a waiting list and have the opportunity to register after all the residents with wristbands have selected their dates.

Only Commerce residents with a current resident card may register for a family weekend (\$15 per person) or family week (\$25 per person). Each family is allowed to register for one week and one weekend. It is important to note that due to the demand, families are not guaranteed a private cabin and may be required to share a cabin. Please bring a copy of your child's immunization record when registering unless their cur-

rent immunization records on file with the City.

Registration for senior and youth sessions will be held on Monday, June 9 at the Parks and Recreation counter in City Hall. For additional information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 323-887-4434.

Camp Commerce Summer Schedule

June 20	Senior Citizens Day
June 23-26	Family Week
June 27-29	Family Weekend
June 30-July 3	Family Week
July 4 – 6	Family Weekend
July 11 – 13	Senior Weekend
July 18 – 20	Family Weekend
July 21 – 24	Youth Week
July 25 – 27	Family Weekend
August 1 – 3	Family Weekend
August 15	Senior Day



ASM Garcia Community Forum to the Streets of Commerce

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia is returning to Commerce for her monthly Community Walk & Talk on Saturday, June 7 at 8:00 am. Participants are asked to meet at Commerce City Hall located at 2535 Commerce Way. The Woman's Club of Rosewood Park will be the Assemblymember's special guests.

Assemblymember Garcia started her community walk and talks to give her constituents the opportunity to discuss issues of local importance and learn about services offered, all while promoting and engaging in a healthy activity. The community walk is part of a monthly series of walks that are being held in cities throughout the 58th Assembly District. The Assemblymember also uses these events as a way to give back. Her office will be collecting new, unused underwear, socks and travel sized toiletries like toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, etc. to distribute to the homeless. Participants may bring these items with them to the walk. For more information, please contact the district office at 562-861-5803.

The Gallery



A DAY IN THE PARK



Commerce offers many recreational activities for residents of all ages. This young girl is enjoying the playground at Rosewood Park on a sunny spring day.

CONGRESSIONAL STUDENT ART COMPETITION



From l. to r. is Downey High School Art Instructor Darrelle Nikaj, Art Competition Chair Teresa Palacios, Art Competition winner Dulce Zelaya, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard and Craig Realty President & CEO Steve Craig.

CONGRESSIONAL STUDENT ART COMPETITION



It was a packed house at the Congresswoman's Annual Art Competition reception held at the Citadel Outlets.

CINCO DE MAYO BACK AT BRISTOW PARK



The Commerce folklorico dancers wowed the crowd with their beautiful costumes and traditional dance at the City's Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration Bristow Park.

JUNIOR OLYMPIC REGIONAL CHAMP



Commerce boxer Pauline Viesca was named the 2014 Junior Olympic District Champion. She's pictured here with Commerce Boxing Coaches Alfonso Marquez and Andres Silva. This month Pauline will be competing in the National Junior Olympic Tournament in West Virginia.

A GLIMPSE OF COMMERCE'S PAST



This old mural of a General Electric Locomotive was found on site at Commerce business SafeShred's property on Malt Avenue. Built in the 40's, the facility was the site of a GE locomotive repair facility that featured cranes and other heavy duty equipment used to fix engines coming in off the tracks located nearby.

KIDS ARE CUTE BABY SHOW



The Kids Are Cute Baby Show was held on May 10 at the Rosewood Park Community Center. Sophia Venegas is pictured here with two friends showing off her ribbons.

LIBRARY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Angela Carbajal, a 20 year employee of the Library was named the Library's 2014 Employee of the Year.



JUNE 2014

COMMERCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																																										
<p>1</p> <p>"Science literacy is the artery through which the solutions of tomorrow's problems flow." Neil DeGrasse Tyson</p>	<p>2</p> <p>English Book Club Transportation Conf. Room 6 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Advisory Commission 7 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>City Council/Successor Agency Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Senior Citizens Commission 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Video Game Event Bristow Park Library 4 p.m.</p> <p>Rabies Clinic Rosewood Park 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Camp Commerce Registration Council Chambers 8 a.m.</p>																																										
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Education Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Community Task Force 3 p.m.</p> <p>Video Game Event Greenwood Library 4 p.m.</p> <p>Traffic Commission 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Community Services Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>"Well done is better than well said." Benjamin Franklin</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Flag Day</p> <p>Swim Lesson Registration Rosewood Park 8 a.m.</p> <p>Lunch with Dad Atlantic Library, 11 a.m.</p> <p>Totally 80's Teen Event Bristow Park Library 11 a.m.</p>																																										
<p>15</p> <p>Father's Day</p> <p>I love my father as the stars — he's a bright shining example and a happy twinkling in my heart. Terri Guillemets</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Library Embajadores Community Services Conf. Room 6 p.m.</p> <p>City Council/Successor Agency Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Video Game Event Atlantic Library 4 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Senior Citizens Center 10 a.m.</p>																																										
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Summer Reading Program Registration Begins All Libraries</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Teen Book Club Greenwood Library 4 p.m.</p> <p>Library Commission 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>"The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth." John F. Kennedy</p>	<p>28</p>																																										
<p>29</p> <p>Spray Pools Open All Parks</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Summer Reading Program Reporting Begins, All Libraries</p> <p>Reading Program Performer Senior Citizens Center 5 p.m.</p> <p>Spanish Reading Club Community Services Conf. Room 6 p.m.</p>	<p>THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ROSEWOOD PARK PRESENTS</p> <p>WOMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL</p> <p>FLEA MARKET</p> <p>JUNE 28, 2014 7 A.M. TO 4 P.M.</p> <p>ROSEWOOD PARK 5600 HARBOR STREET</p>				<p>July 2014</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30					
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7																																										
8	9	10	11	12	13	14																																										
15	16	17	18	19	20	21																																										
22	23	24	25	26	27	28																																										
29	30																																															

Report to the
People

RTTP Artículos en Español Si le interesa recibir la versión en Español de algun artículo, por favor llame a la Oficina de Información Pública al (323) 887-4447. Cuando llame, indique el título del artículo, la fecha y la dirección de su domicilio o correo electrónico. La versión traducida se le mandará.

Measure AA Advisory Committee Date and Time TBD For Info Call (323) 887-4453

Where Quality Service Is Our Tradition

COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL




Tina Baca Del Rio, Mayor
 Lilia R. Leon, Mayor Pro Tem
 Joe Aguilar, Councilmember
 Ivan Altamirano, Councilmember
 Denise M. Robles, Councilmember

Important Phone Numbers

City Hall (323) 722-4805	E.L.A. Sheriff's (323) 264-4151	
Code Enforcement Ext. 2293	Graffiti Hotline (323) 887-4444	
Animal Control	Emergency 911	
M-F 8 am to 6 pm (323) 887-4460		
Weekends/Evenings (562) 940-6898		www.ci.commerce.ca.us

2535 Commerce Way · Commerce, CA 90040

Residential Customer

SafeShred Provides Security *Continued from page 1*



SafeShred provides document destruction service to businesses and members of the public.

retail brands like Gucci and Marc Jacobs. In one case they destroyed over 400 tons of counterfeit cigarettes that were flagged coming into the ports from China.

Maynard said an important part of product destruction is protecting the security of brands and ultimately, people. This is why they also allow clients to verify materials are destroyed by witnessing the process or providing them with a CD of photos that documents their destruction.

While much of their business comes from medium sized businesses, SafeShred also provides document destruction services to the public and participates in community events like the City's Spring Cleanup held in April. "We wanted to give residents an easy way to dispose of old documents at a fun City event," said Maynard.

For those who can't wait for the next community event, SafeShred is open to the public Monday through Friday at 5928 Malt Avenue between Randolph Street and Slauson Avenue. SafeShred will accept up to three boxes or bags of documents for free on the first Friday of every month. Additional boxes/bags after the first three or those taken on other days cost only \$3 each. "Residents just need to get here and we'll take care of the rest," said Maynard, who added that SafeShred staff will unload vehicles for seniors.

For more information on SafeShred or a free quote call them at (800) 987-4733 or visit their website at www.safeshred.com.

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

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 5:00 p.m.

Commerce City News

Mondays at 4:30 p.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 Preschool Graduation

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.

Port of Long Beach

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.

Vintage Vehicle Show - Shows include:

The Vintage Vehicle Show
 "Bobs Car Show" Tuesdays at 3 p.m.
 The Vintage Vehicle Show
 "Lynwood Car Show" Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
 The Vintage Vehicle Show
 "Hot Rods" Thursdays at 8 a.m.
 The Vintage Vehicle Show
 "Classics" Saturdays at 8 a.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.

Commerce Water Polo *Continued from page 1*



Pictured here is the Arizona State University Women's Water Polo Team at the NCAA tournament where they took 5th place. Former Commerce player Stephanie Contreras is in the first row on the right.

Media Relations Director at ASU. He added that Stephanie was a highly sought after recruit from Commerce, which is considered one of the top club teams in California.

"Stephanie is an outstanding young woman. She brings a lot to any team in the locker room and in the pool, especially on offense," said her former coach Gabriel Martinez who is also the Commerce Women's Water Polo Team head coach.

In addition to being in the tournament on behalf of ASU, she also helped to keep a little known streak alive: The City of Commerce being represented by at least one former Commerce player in every single NCAA Women's Water Polo Tournament since it became sanctioned in 2001.

According to former Commerce Water Polo player Liz Garcia, Commerce has been represented by a player on seven of the fourteen NCAA championship teams. This includes four-time Olympian and 2012 Gold Medalist Brenda Villa who led her Stanford University team to the championship in 2002.

While ASU didn't win the championship this is only Stephanie's freshman year and the best is yet to come for both her and the ASU Women's Water Polo Team.