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CITY OF COMMERCE BUDGET

The infographic below provides an overview to give the public an easily digestible snapshot of the City's budget for the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year, which was adopted at the July 1 Council Meeting.

2014-2015



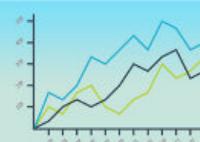
BUDGET PROCESS

The City Council spent the last few months working hard and crunching numbers with staff in meeting after meeting to approve a balanced budget. This budget features continued funding of the valuable programs and services provided to residents and other stakeholders in the City of Commerce.



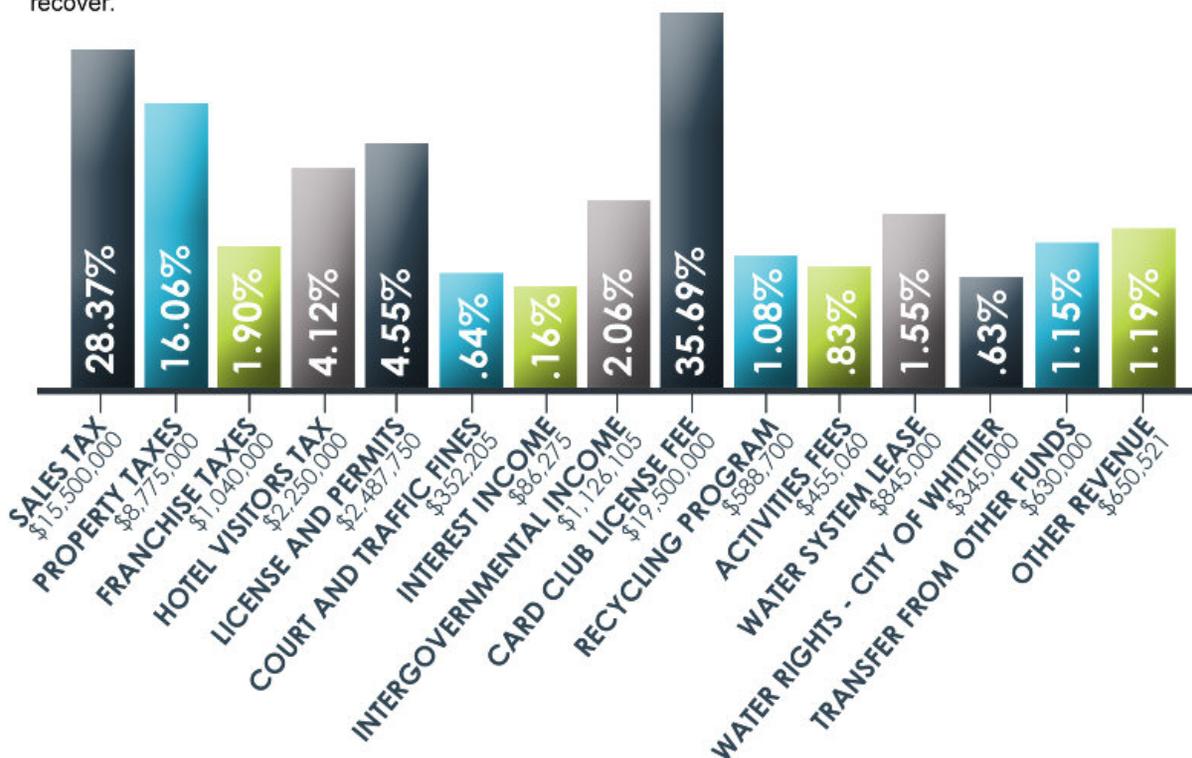
BUDGET OVERVIEW

2014/2015 Operating Budget: \$54,631,616



A BRIGHTER ECONOMIC PICTURE

After multiple years of recession in Commerce, as well as throughout the Country, the economy has started to recover.



FISCAL PRUDENCE

For the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year, the City practiced fiscal prudence. Staff is projecting a surplus of just over \$1 million. Council utilized \$761,703 for Capital Outlay Items (One time expenditures, such as furniture, equipment, etc.), Planning Items, Environmental Mitigation and \$250,000 as set-aside funds for FY 2014/2015.



A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC FUTURE

RESERVES \$24.5 MILLION

Healthy reserves will help the City protect programs and services during times of economic uncertainty.

\$6 MILLION ANNUAL REVENUE PROJECTED FROM MEASURE AA

Measure AA is a 1/2 cent sales tax that was approved by 68% of Commerce voters in 2012. These revenues, which are utilized to protect programs and services with a major emphasis on improving the City's infrastructure, have exceeded projections by approximately \$1.5 million.

Measure AA Update

Annual Revenue Projected at \$6 million

In 2012, 68% of Commerce voters passed Measure AA the 1/2 cent sales tax designed to address the City's long term facility, economic development and infrastructure needs.

Initially projected to generate \$4.5 to \$5 million annually, revenues have exceeded expectations tracking closer to \$6 million annually. To date for the period of April 2013 when the revenue collection started, through June of this year \$6,197,446 has been collected.

Through June, the City Council appropriated approximately \$2.5 million to a number of projects. The largest appropriation of \$1.85 million has been allocated to fund the Slauson Avenue Sidewalk Improvement and Tree Reforestation Project in an area that posed significant legal liability to the City and was in need of an update.

Further down Slauson at Gage Avenue near the Santa Ana 5 Freeway, \$200,000 has been appropriated to construct a sidewalk from Gage Avenue to the freeway. This area will be safer and more attractive to pedestrians, commuters and tourists who travel to the City of Commerce to visit the Citadel, Commerce Casino and other local amenities.

Other appropriations include \$25,000 for a geotechnical study of Eastern Avenue for a resurfacing project and approximately \$200,000 for resurfacing of all of the City's outdoor basketball courts. These items were prioritized by the Measure AA Committee because they were still in reasonable condition in which repair and maintenance will provide a longer life for the infrastructure and reduce long term costs to the City.

Other projects being evaluated by the Council appointed Measure AA Committee include a Citywide Signage Project, Bristow Park roof and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) unit replacement, as well as significant stretches of Commerce's streets and roads.

For information on Measure AA Committee Meetings, resolutions and up to date reports on funding recommendations and/or allocations, visit the City website main page and click on the Measure AA link.

Residents, businesses and other stakeholders can provide feedback and suggestions to the committee via email at www.measureaagroup@ci.commerce.ca.us.

From The Desk of Jorge Rifá City Administrator

We invite you to participate in the 31st Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5th. Everyone is welcome to attend block parties hosted by Neighborhood Watch block captains throughout the City. Sheriff's deputies, firefighters, public safety division staff and city officials will be there to provide safety materials and listen to your concerns. We hope you take this opportunity to find out more about what's happening in your community and how you can make your neighborhood safer.

Last month Commerce hosted our annual Independence Day Celebration, which included local entertainment, a carnival and our 5K Freedom Run. That day we also celebrated the inaugural Hall of Champions induction of three outstanding athletes who are alumni of the Commerce Water Polo program: Sergio Macias, Priscilla Orozco and Brenda Villa.

Sergio played in the City's program from 1986 to 2000 and competed in numerous Junior Olympic and Junior National Tournaments. At Bell Gardens High School he led his team to four consecutive league championships racking up numerous awards and accolades along the way, including the CIF Southern Section record for most career goals with 706, which still stands today.

Priscilla participated in the City's swim and water polo programs from 1998 to 2007. She set several records in swimming and led Commerce to four national championships while earning numerous honors, including two national MVP awards. She excelled at Montebello High School and while at UCLA, helped her team win back-to-back NCAA Championships including an undefeated 33-0 season in 2008.

Brenda joined the City's Aquatics Program at the age of 5. She had an unmatched career in Commerce, as well as at Bell Gardens High School where she played on the boys' team. At Stanford University she led her team to the 2002 NCAA Title and earned the Peter J. Cutino Award as the top female college water polo player in the U.S. Brenda went on to become a four time Olympian and in 2012 served as captain of the United States Olympic women's water polo. She earned an Olympic Gold Medal in those London Games and went on to become the most decorated women's water polo player in the world.

Today Sergio is the Head Coach for the Women's Water Polo team at Cerritos College. Priscilla continues to compete at the professional level. She is also a member of the USA Senior National Team training for the 2016 Olympics.

As for Brenda, she is a co-founder of Project 2020, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing socioeconomically disadvantaged youth with the opportunity to learn to swim and play water polo. Water Polo changed Brenda's life, which is why when she's not coaching she speaks to young people and conducts clinics throughout the United States to help promote the sport of water polo.

We congratulate these athletes for the honor and distinction they have brought to our community and thank them for the incredible work they continue to do. They represent the very best of what Commerce is all about.

On behalf of the City Council, I hope you and your family have a wonderful summer. See you at National Night Out.

Sincerely,
Jorge Rifá

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Regular Meeting of July 1

PRESENTED commendations to Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Deputy Daniel Cabrera, Sergeant Richard Hailey and Captain James Wolak honoring them for their dedicated service to the City of Commerce.



RECEIVED AND FILED a report from The Citadel Outlets on the 4th Annual Commerce Clean Up event being cosponsored by the Craig Realty Group and Commerce Casino on Saturday, August 9.

DIRECTED STAFF to file an application for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation 2014 Eddy Awards Most Business Friendly City.

APPROVED an Environmental Procurement Policy for the City effective July 1, 2014.

APPROVED an agreement with International Institute of Los Angeles to participate in the Immediate Needs Transportation Program.

APPROVED an amendment to the Measure R and Proposition C Funding Agreement for the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project.

APPROVED an agreement with County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control services for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

APPROVED a retainer agreement with the Law Offices of Burhenn and Gest Regarding State Mandates imposed by the 2012 Los Angeles County Municipal Stormwater Permit.

APPROVED a professional services agreement with Pumpman Inc. for storm drain pump station maintenance, repairs and assessment at four locations in Commerce.

APPROVED a contingency agreement to purchase and sell with Gatwick Group, LLC for the properties located at 4957 Sheila Street and 4800 Washington Boulevard.

RECEIVED AND FILED a presentation on Community Oriented Policing Services from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

APPROVED a continuance of a consulting agreement with Government Affairs Consulting for grant writing and related services.

ADOPTED the appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

ADOPTED the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

DIRECTED staff to develop a tree removal policy for private property.

RENEWED a professional services agreement for construction management services with Swinerton Builders.

Regular Meeting of June 17

APPROVED a contract with CPO Enterprises, Inc. of Covina, CA in the amount of \$202,880 for Project No. 1306-Bus Shelter Installation Project Phase IV.

APPROVED the purchase of a compressed natural gas service truck for \$100,595 from Thorson Motor Center, Inc.

AUTHORIZED staff to apply for grant funding from METRO for capital and operating assistance for FY 2014/2015.

APPROVED a professional services agreement with Environmental Science Associates of Los Angeles, CA in the amount of \$62,650 to prepare a California Environmental Quality Act document for the Slauson Avenue Sidewalk Improvement and Tree Planting Project.

APPROVED a 4.5% salary increase for Executive Management employees and adjusting the amount paid by Executive Management employees for their retirement from 2.3% to 4.6%.

APPROVED a letter to Caltrans in support of Community Alternative 7.

APPROVED an amendment to a services agreement for engineering design and construction management services in the amount of \$19,000 with SA Associates for the Camp Commerce Waterline Improvement Project.

APPROVED submittal of a draft Joint Watershed Management Program and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

RECEIVED AND FILED a presentation on the I-710 Aesthetics Master Plan.

APPROVED an agreement with CalMet Services for residential refuse and recycling services.

RECEIVED AND FILED a presentation by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractors Associations (IBEW-NECA) on their Net Zero Plus Project.

RECEIVED AND FILED a report on Measure AA activities for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

APPROVED revisions to the criteria for official Commerce civic organizations.

RESCHEDULED the September 16 Commerce City Council Meeting to September 23, 2014.

APPOINTED Commerce resident Xochi Ibarra to the Measure AA Advisory Board.

APPOINTED Commerce resident Sonia Rodriguez to the Education Commission.

APPROVED an opposition letter to Assembly Bill 1826 relative to organics waste recycling unless amended.

APPROVED a support letter for Senate Bill 1129 relative to the dissolution of redevelopment.

APPROVED a support letter for Assembly Bill 1331 relevant to the water bond, stormwater and urban runoff funding.

HONORED longtime resident Eddie Espinosa for receiving the 2014 Older American Recognition Award.



Know What's Below **GET THE 411 ON 811**

Earlier this year, a few houses in Commerce were evacuated when a neighbor unknowingly hit a gas pipeline while digging in their yard. Pipelines can be located anywhere including private property and sometimes just inches below the surface. To avoid such accidents, Southern California Edison reminds residents of their free Underground Service Alert check.

Whether you're planning to build a major development or just landscaping your yard, protect your safety and the safety of those around you by simply calling 811 at least two business days prior to starting work. The Underground Service Alert will coordinate with Southern California Gas Company (So Ca Gas) and other utility owners in the area to mark the locations of buried utility-owned lines.

Residents are asked to outline with white paint or other suitable

markings, the proposed excavation area. SoCalGas will either mark its gas pipelines or advise you the area is clear. SoCalGas uses only yellow paint, flags or stakes to mark out the location of its gas pipes. Other utility owners use different colors to mark their telephone, communications, water or other underground lines.

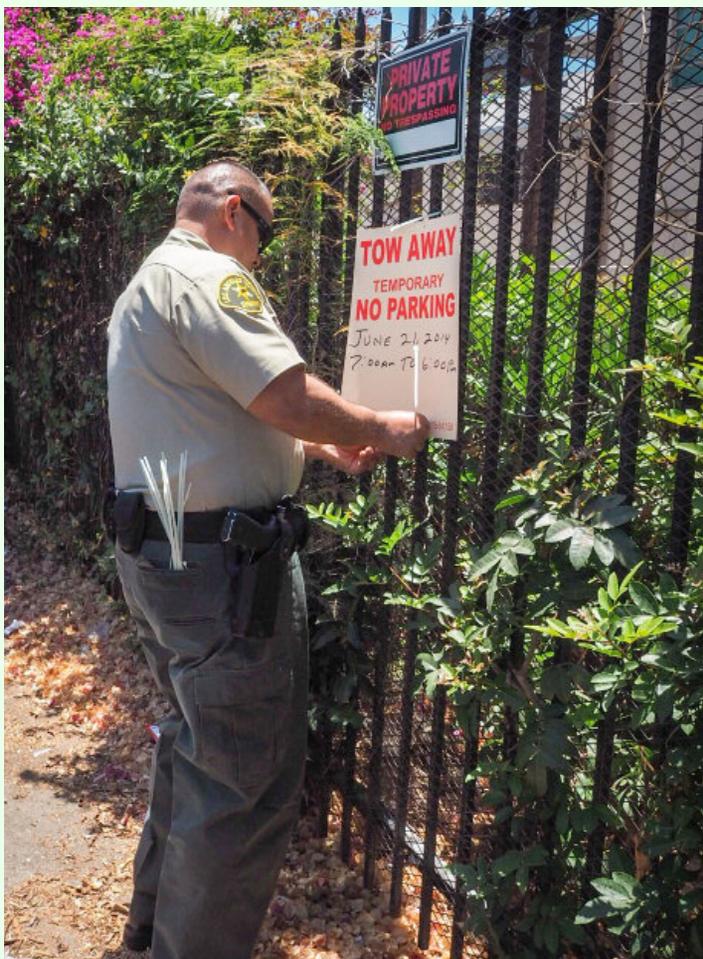
To report any pipe damage call (800) 427-2200. Even a slight gouge, scrape or dent to a pipeline, its coating, or any component attached to or running alongside the pipe, such as a wire, may cause a dangerous break or leak in the future. This is a free service that can help prevent injury, costly property damage and loss of utility service. For more information, visit www.socalgas.com/safety/dig-alert.

Multi-Agency Effort Produces Great Results Across Borders

The City's Code Enforcement staff not only enforces city codes to ensure our neighborhoods are consistent with the Commerce Municipal Code, but they also work collaboratively with other agencies to help ensure a high community standard and create a quality environment for all our neighborhoods.

One such example of this partnership took place recently in the City's northwest area at Matrix International Textiles located at 1363 Bonnie Beach Place. The company's north and east property lines are also the City's borderline. Vehicles that park on Bonnie Beach Place, along the company's fence, are technically outside of the City of Commerce's jurisdiction and in Los Angeles County. This border issue has long interfered with the company landscapers' ability to tend to overgrown vegetation beyond the fence.

Over the last couple of years, Commerce's Code Enforcement staff has made several attempts to enlist the help of the Los Angeles County Public Works and Parking Enforcement Divisions which were unsuccessful. When the City's recently appointed Director of Safety and Community Services, Matthew Rodriquez, was made aware of the situation he helped provide a solution by utilizing the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Special Problems Team, which has authority beyond Commerce's borders.



In partnership with the City, the Sheriff's SPT set up a meeting within days with the City's Code Enforcement staff, the Sheriff's and personnel from the Matrix International Textile Company to coordinate a cleanup operation. A date was selected and preparations were made. Code Enforcement and Special Problems Team personnel posted L. A. County "Temporary No Parking" signs days before the cleanup to provide vehicle owners with plenty of notice.

On June 21, the joint effort began as personnel arrived at 6:30 am to ensure the area along the fence was clear. The Special Problems Team personnel towed two vehicles that were obstructing access to the landscaping crew. Landscapers then trimmed the vegetation along the fence and plumbers concentrated on drain and pipe issues that they could not previously because of vehicles parked along the fence.

The appearance of that street has dramatically changed and according to a number of East Los Angeles residents who live across the street, it is definitely an improvement. In fact they thanked everyone for their efforts on a successfully coordinated multi-agency endeavor to beautify their neighborhood.

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BEFORE



AFTER

City of Commerce
Community Services Department



Tuesday, August 5
5 p.m to 8 p.m.

Take a bite out of crime and help make Commerce safer by participating in National Night Out!

- Neighborhood barbecues and block parties throughout the City
- Visits from City Council, staff, Sheriff's Deputies and Firefighters
- Crime Prevention Education
- Connecting with your neighbors
- Discuss public safety issues in your neighborhood

For more information, call the Public Safety Division at (323) 887-4460



CITY OF COMMERCE 5K Freedom Run 2014

The City of Commerce held the annual 5K Freedom Run to kick off Independence Day that featured runners and walkers of all ages. Children and even family pets navigated the 3.2 mile course in the Rosewood Park Neighborhood. The Women's Overall Winner was Ma-Victoria Flores with a time of 23 minutes and 15 seconds while the Men's Overall Winner was Jesus Ortiz with a time of 16 minutes and 19 seconds. This year's Oldest Female Runner was 75-year-old Martha Torres and the Oldest Male Runner was 80-year-old Raymundo Torres.

Congrats to them and all of this year's participants!



From l. to r. Men's Overall Winner Jesus Ortiz, Oldest Female Runner Martha Torres, Oldest Male Runner Raymundo Torres, Women's Overall Winner Ma-Victoria .



These Commerce residents really showed their patriotic spirit at the City's Annual Fourth of July 5k Run.

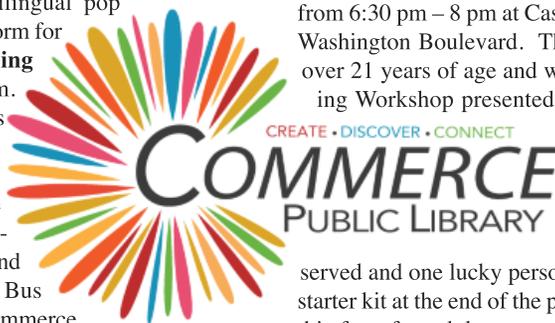


Members of the Commerce Boxing Club pictured here with Miss Commerce Denize Rodriguez, ran the 5K Freedom Run as a team.

Library News

A Celebration with Just a Bit of Twinkle

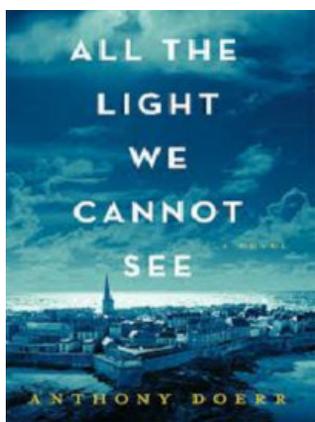
Twinkle Time, a high-energy, bilingual pop music show for children will perform for the **Children's Summer Reading Program Ending Celebration** at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 14 in the Veterans Park Gym. The programs top readers from each branch will be recognized. Cookies and juice will be served after the program. Free bus service will be provided to and from the Bristow, Atlantic and Central libraries. Bus space is limited. Bus riders may sign up to ride the bus at Commerce libraries. The event is free and open to the public. For more informa-



tion, please call (323) 722-6660 or go to www.cocpl.org.

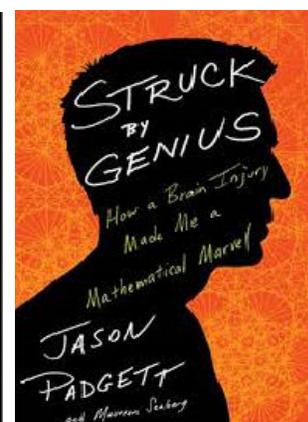
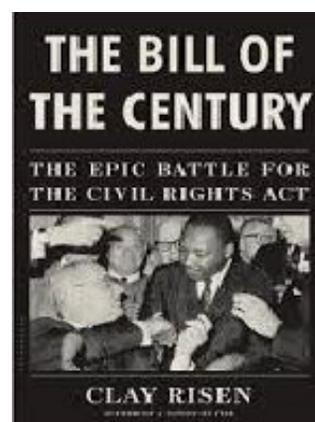
Learn the Craft of Home Brews

The City of Commerce Public Library will host an "End of Adult Summer Reading Program Celebration" on Thursday, August 21 from 6:30 pm – 8 pm at Casa Cabral Restaurant located at 5427 E. Washington Boulevard. This event is open to all adult residents over 21 years of age and will feature a free Intro to Home Brewing Workshop presented by beer aficionado Dougie Craig. A writer for popular enthusiast blogs Beers in Paradise and BeerPaperLA, Craig will demonstrate the ins and outs of brewing great beer at home. Appetizers and beer samples will be served and one lucky person will walk away with a home-brewer starter kit at the end of the program. For additional information on this free, fun adult event, please contact Sonia Bautista at (323) 722-6600 ext. 2204.



HOT READS

available @
the City of Commerce
Public Library



WEST NILE VIRUS THREAT GROWING AS SUMMER PROGRESSES

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District encourages everyone to take precautions when planning to be outdoors due to increased West Nile virus (WNV) activity amplified by sustained high temperatures. Below are three simple tips on how families can be safe this summer:

1. **Understand the risk** -- "West Nile virus is endemic to Southern California, which means we can expect more activity in the coming summer months," said Levy Sun, public information officer at the District.

GLACVCD recently confirmed WNV-positive test results for four mosquito samples in five Los Angeles County communities. So far this year, the District has reported a total of eleven positive mosquito samples and three dead birds. A full list of all positive samples detected to date can be found [HERE](#).

2. **Dump and Drain Standing Water** -- "The threat of West Nile virus transmission increases as the weather gets warmer," said Sun. "Residents can take precautions to protect themselves such as removing dirty, stagnant water where mosquitoes breed. This includes buckets, birdbaths and plant saucers."

In the right conditions, hundreds of mosquitoes can emerge from breeding sources as biting adults in as little as five days. To keep mosquitoes out of your house, make sure window and door screens

are kept in good repair.

3. **Use Insect Repellent** - Wear insect repellent containing active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus when outdoors where mosquitoes are present.

West Nile virus is transmitted to people and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. There is no cure for West Nile virus. One in five persons infected with West Nile virus will exhibit symptoms, which usually occur between five and 15 days, and can include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, or a skin rash. These symptoms can last for several weeks to months. One in 150 people infected with the virus will require hospitalization. Severe symptoms include high fever, muscle weakness, neck stiffness, coma, paralysis, and possibly death.

The public is encouraged to report dead birds to help with West Nile virus surveillance and control efforts because birds play an important role in maintaining and spreading the virus. Visit www.westmile.ca.gov to report dead birds.

For more information, please contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at (562) 944-9656 or visit www.glacvcd.org.

Call 24 Hours Ahead for Bulky Item Pickup

To have bulky items picked up curbside at your home, call CalMet Services, Inc. at (562) 259-1239 to schedule the service at least 24 hours in advance.

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 automotive, 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

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Recycling ♻️ Waste Collection

(562) 259-1239

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 regularly scheduled 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 this service to help keep their property and Com-

GIRLOLOGY

How One Local Group Gives Back



Members of the teen center joined the Girlology group on a trip to the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission. The Mission was recently destroyed in a fire and the group brought donations they collected to replace the items that were lost.

By Chantal Sotomayor, YES Worker/Guest Writer

When we think about women’s empowerment, we often think about women in leadership roles, and that is exactly what the City of Commerce’s teen group Girlology is all about. According to Senior Recreation Leader and head of Girlology, Vanessa Perez, the word “girlology” means the study of girls. This was the inspiration in naming the club and while these young ladies have fun with makeup and manicures, they also focus on inner strength and contributing to their community.

Part of the club’s mission is to introduce the girls to a wider variety of experiences. “Through a well rounded itinerary of activities, the girls learn to have self-confidence, give back, and have a strong understanding about life in general,” said Perez.

Among their many humanitarian efforts, the group recently assisted in a clothing drive for the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission, which burned down and lost everything. And for several years now, the Girlology group has helped the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) at four of their Southern California locations: Long Beach, Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Loma Linda. RMHC houses families of children who receive medical treatment at nearby

hospitals. To help make the families feel more at home, the girls prepare and cook meals together. The girls also collect pennies, tabs from soda cans and occasionally participate in the organization’s 5k run/walk with all proceeds going to RMHC.

While their generous volunteer efforts are impressive, the girls also make time for themselves. They participate in arts and crafts, local excursions, and etiquette training. And every so often, they get dressed up to enjoy a nice dinner as a family.

“We will continue to focus on what girls are capable of accomplishing, both for themselves as well as for their community,” said Perez. “It is not always easy being a girl and that is why Girlology is so important, to let girls know they are not alone during difficult times.”

Girls 11-19 years of age interested in joining Girlology should call the Teen Center at (323) 264-4665. Be ready to make your community a better place.

LA Galaxy Youth Soccer Clinic



To help Commerce youth ages 7 to 17 develop and sharpen their soccer skills, the Los Angeles Galaxy has partnered with the City of Commerce to host a Youth Soccer Clinic on Friday, August 15 at Rosewood Park from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Register at your local park by Monday, August 11. A current City of Commerce resident activity card is required. For more information, contact the Sports Office at (323) 887-4432.

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.

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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 5K Run Highlights

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.

Metro Motion

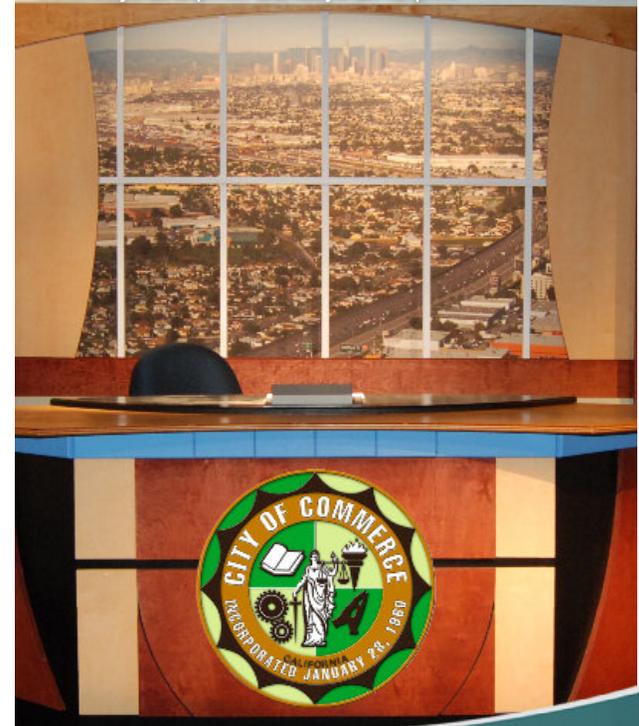
Mondays at 6 p.m., Tuesdays at 12 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 a.m., Thursdays at 6 p.m., Fridays at 6 p.m., Saturdays at 11:30 a.m., Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

Vintage Vehicle Show - Shows include:

The Vintage Vehicle Show
“Lemay Car Show” Tuesdays at 3 p.m.
The Vintage Vehicle Show
“Colorado Car Show” Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
The Vintage Vehicle Show
“Runt to the Sun Cruise Night” Thursdays at 8 a.m.
The Vintage Vehicle Show
“Circle City Hot Rods” Saturdays at 8 a.m.

LA Now “Eat, Move, and Live”

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.



The Gallery

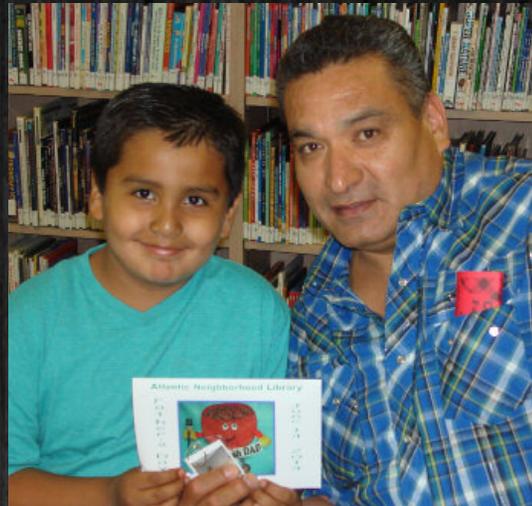


TRAVELING SPACE MUSEUM @ RWP SCHOOL



The award winning Traveling Space Museum visited Rosewood Park School during Science Week. Pictured with students in front of the lunar utility vehicle l. to r. are Principal Robert Cornejo, Jr., Montebello Unified School District Board Member LaniCupchoy, TSM President Ivor Dawson, Education Commissioner Carmen Marquez-Cooper, Counselor Lucia Reyes and Director of Instruction Adeline Canedo.

FATHER'S DAY @ THE LIBRARY



This father and son duo pictured, show off a craft they worked on together at the "Celebrate Father's Day" event at the Atlantic Branch Library on June 14.

COMMERCE CHAMPIONS INDUCTED



Commerce Aquatics and Water Polo alumni Priscilla Orozco, Sergio Macias and Brenda Villa were inducted in the Commerce Hall of Champions in the Brenda Villa Aquatic Center. See the Administrator's Column on pg. 2 for more details.

INDEPENDENCE DAY DANCERS



These tiny dancers sported a classic vintage style while showing off their best swing dance moves at the Independence Day Celebration.

SMILES OF FREEDOM



Miss Fourth of July, Natalie Melendrez (2nd from left), Miss Commerce and the Royal Court pose in patriotic form at the City's Fourth of July Carnival and Fireworks Celebration.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



Thousands of visitors attended the Commerce Fourth of July Celebration and Carnival over three days. Guests enjoyed rides, games, food, music and dance.

SCIENCE FAIR AT ROSEWOOD SCHOOL



Commerce resident Abigail Adams stands in front of her experiment that explains the science behind popping popcorn, which was part of the Science Fair held during Science Week at Rosewood School.



AUGUST 2014

COMMERCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>September 2014</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30</p>		<p>UNITED FAMILY OF BRISTOW</p> <p>SALE SWAP MEET</p> <p>SALE</p> <p>MORE INFO: (323) 516-8399</p> <p>AUGUST 8TH 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M. BRISTOW PARK</p>			<p>1</p> <p>"An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind." Mahatma Gandhi</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Last Day to Register for the Summer Reading Program</p> <p>English Book Club Transportation Conf. Rm. 6 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Advisory Commission 7 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</p>  <p>National Night Out</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Senior Commission 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Last Day to report for the Summer Reading Program Central Library Only</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Last Day to report for the Summer Reading Program Atlantic, Bristow & Greenwood Libraries</p> <p>Traffic Commission 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow." Helen Keller</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Education Commission 6 p.m.</p> <p>Measure AA Committee 6 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Noche de Pelicula Senior Center 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Teen Summer Reading Program Ending Party Community Services Conf. Rm. 5 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Community Services Commission 6 p.m.</p> <p>Summer Reading Program Ending Party Veterans Memorial Park 6 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Galaxy Soccer Clinic Rosewood Park 5 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Library Embajadores Meeting, Community Services Conf. Rm. 6 p.m.</p> <p>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Community Dodger Night</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Spanish Reading Club Community Services Conf. Rm. 6 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Library Commission 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>"Let there be work, bread, water and salt for all." Nelson Mandela</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Summer End Festival Rosewood Park 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p>
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Council Meetings On Demand



Residents can now watch Commerce City Council Meetings 'On Demand' via the City's website. This new streaming service provided by Granicus, Inc., was launched in July to enhance government transparency and accessibility to City information.

Granicus utilizes cutting edge web based technologies to help government agencies improve transparency, citizen participation, meeting efficiency and legislative management. The RTTP will provide updates on additional services provided to stakeholders via Granicus as they are implemented in the coming months.

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HELP SAVE WATER AND MONEY

As you are aware, California is facing prolonged dry conditions and Governor Jerry Brown has declared a statewide drought. Your help is needed but there are ways to save money and conserve water through rebate and incentive programs.

In this second installment of three water conservation articles, the RTTP is providing readers with information about residential rebates for high efficiency clothes washers and toilets from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD).

In the average home 15% of water used goes to doing laundry so high efficiency washers that save money and water are a great option with rebates starting at \$85.

When washing clothes here's a few tips to reduce your water consumption and bill right away:

- Run only full loads of clothing;
- When it is necessary to run smaller loads, match the water level with the load size;
- Replace leaking or cracked valves and hoses immediately;
- Perform preventative maintenance to avoid a breakdown, and/or a costly flood in your home.

Another great way to save water and money is through the

high-efficiency toilets, which use 20% less water than older models. Rebates start at \$100.

For terms and conditions, a list of eligible appliances and other program information visit www.socalwatersmart.com.



The online application is available on the site on the right hand side of the page under the "Get Your Rebate" button. Remember, rebates are paid on a first come first serve

basis and funds are limited so act fast.

If you missed last month's article, RTTP provided useful tips to use around the house every day to save water and money. There's also information on how residents can get a free water conservation kit from California Water Service. For details, visit www.ci.commerce.ca.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/612.

On a final note, businesses can also benefit from water conservation and rebate programs available for commercial customers through the State Department of Water Resources and the Metropolitan Water District.

Next month we'll provide information on water smart landscaping and ways to save water and money through programs and rebates for your property.

For more information on water conservation or the programs mentioned in this article, visit www.saveourwater.com or www.socalwatersmart.com.