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Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard at the Commerce EOC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in January. The new facility will be dedicated in her honor on October 25th.

New EOC to be Dedicated in Honor of Congresswoman Roybal-Allard

The public is invited to honor Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's public service to the City of Commerce at the dedication of the new Emergency Operations Center that will be named in her honor at a Dedication Ceremony and Safety Fair on Saturday, October 25 from noon to 3 p.m.

Congresswoman Roybal-Allard has been a strong advocate for the City of Commerce and other cities in the region, first as a member of the State Assembly from 1986 to 1992, and then as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1993 to present giving her close to three decades of service as a legislator. During that time she has helped secure government funding for quality of life issues such as street and road improvements, compressed natural gas vehicles to reduce pollution, as well as for this new facility that will augment the City's Emergency Preparedness Program.

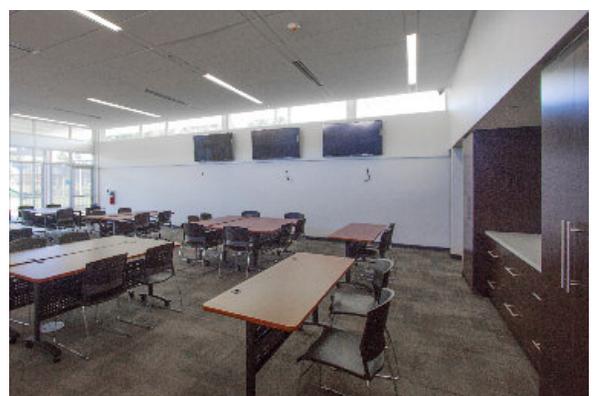
The new state-of-the-art facility will serve as the headquarters for first responders in an emergency, such as an earthquake or other major disaster. The Congresswoman was on hand in January when the facility opened. While there she explained that the facility will help provide City staff and Los Angeles County public safety personnel with the tools and technology needed to effectively protect the public's health and safety.

In addition to being resistant to fire and seismic activity, it features a fully integrated audio/visual and communications system, a back-up generator and other emergency equipment and supplies. The project was fully funded thanks to a one million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which was coordinated through the California Emergency Management Agency with assistance from the Congresswoman.

The event will also feature emergency preparedness and other safety information so residents can learn how to secure their home and property to be ready in the event of an earthquake or other disaster.

As the first Mexican-American woman elected to Congress, Rep. Roybal-Allard is a political pioneer. She is also

the first Latina appointed to the House Appropriations Committee and serves on the Homeland Security, as well as the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittees.



The new EOC will house emergency first responders comprised of City staff and Los Angeles County Sheriff and Fire personnel.



The EOC kitchen will provide the needed facilities to allow staff to focus on emergency response around the clock in the event of a disaster.

Young Legislators Program Open to High School Students



Student participants in Assemblymember Cristina Garcia's Young Legislators Program.

Inspired by Assemblymember Cristina Garcia's desire to educate and enrich the lives of adolescents within her district, the Young Legislators Program provides high school students from the 58th Assembly District with an in-depth learning experience on the legislative process, as well as the opportunity to learn how to improve their communities through service.

The program helps participants develop a thorough understanding of legislative politics and the means necessary to become "leaders of tomorrow."

The legislative education component of the program focuses on teaching students the process through which proposed bills become laws. It also provides the opportunity to discuss ideas for legislation with their peers, as well as how to draft, submit and win approval for these ideas.

The community service component gives participants hands-on experience working at local events hosted by the Assemblymember's Office. Students that complete the program will travel to Sacramento to hold mock committee meetings and conduct a floor session at the State Capitol building. The program is free.

Application Process and Requirements:

- Submit completed application by the deadline
- Attend the mandatory orientation meeting
- Be an incoming high school senior in the 58th Assembly District
- Un-weighted minimum grade point average of 2.5

To apply contact Program Coordinator Patrick Sunpanich at Patrick.sunpanich@asm.ca.gov or call Assemblymember Garcia's District Office at (562) 861-5803.

From The Desk of Jorge Rifá City Administrator

In September the annual Citadel Commerce Job Fair drew more than 100 employers and over 2,000 job seekers. The Employment Business and Development Center (EBDC) worked closely with the folks from the Citadel Outlets to provide businesses and job seekers with a great opportunity to connect.

If you're looking for employment but missed the Job Fair you can call the EBDC which is open all year long, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at (3223) 887-4461. We have staff dedicated to helping you find opportunities here in the area.

Speaking of opportunities, we also hosted the annual Commerce to College Fair in September. The goal is to provide students and their families with the inspiration, information and practical advice from representatives of respected colleges and universities. This information can help students complete their college education, as well as maximize their academic and career potential.

While most of the students participating in the College Fair and the Commerce Scholarship Program are recent high school graduates, there's another group that is sometimes overlooked. A perfect example is 2014 Commerce Scholarship recipient Lettie Jaramillo who will be returning to college this year through the accelerated Cal State Northridge Cohort Program. "I have an AA degree but always wanted to complete my Bachelor's Degree," said Lettie who for many years has been raising a family. "I decided to finish what I started and show my kids that there's not an obstacle that can stop me so there isn't one that can stop them." Lettie, who is a secretary for the Los Angeles County Fire Department said she's also motivated by the opportunity to improve her quality of life. "I want to retire at a higher wage and the only way to do that is to complete my degree." Jaramillo is an inspiration for us all.

Something else we'd like to inspire in our community is water conservation. In response to the Statewide drought we ran a three part series on this issue touching on household tips, high efficiency appliances and water wise landscaping. This month we'll also be focusing on water quality with information on proper disposal of household hazardous waste on page 3.

Halloween is celebrated this month and the Department of Parks and Recreation has several activities planned including a Costume Parade that begins promptly at 6 p.m. at all parks, on Oct. 31. For more information, call (323) 887-4434. If you or family members are going trick or treating this year, be sure to read our Halloween safety tips on page 5.

Community Services is collecting donations for this year's Holiday Cheer program that starts with Thanksgiving and runs through December. To donate or sponsor a family, please contact the Community Services Department at (323) 887-4460 before November 1. Please get involved and help those Commerce families and individuals in great need get through the holiday season!

Sincerely,
Jorge Rifá

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City Council Approves Name Change of Commerce's Four Libraries



To make the City's libraries names more meaningful to patrons and the neighborhoods in which they are located, the City Council approved a recommendation of the Library Commission to change the name of all four City libraries.

While the new names are not dramatic departures they are updated to reflect neighborhood character. The Central Library is now the Rosewood Park Central Library; the Atlantic Branch is now the Bandini Neighborhood Library; the Bristow Branch is now the Bristow Neighborhood Library; and the Greenwood Branch is now the Veterans Neighborhood Library.



Craig Realty Group, which owns the Citadel Outlets, was honored by the City Council for coordinating the Commerce Clean-Up in August.

Regular Meeting of September 2

Received and filed the 2014 Local Agency Biennial Notice and directed staff to update the Conflict of Interest Code.

Approved an agreement for Project No. 1404 Replacement of Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system at the Senior Center to Daikin Applied Americas in the amount of \$84,881.

Approved a license and hold harmless agreement between the Successor Agency and Gatwick, LLC for property located at 4957 Sheila Street and 4800 Washington Boulevard, Commerce.

Amended a report regarding the dissolution of State redevelopment pertaining to a correction to the Long-Range Property Management Plan.

Approved plans and specifications for City Project No. 1401 Washington Boulevard Reconstruction Project.

Denied an appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of Variance No. 14-02 to construct a single family residence at 4096 Nobel Street that would exceed the maximum permissible floor area on a legal nonconforming parcel.

Awarded a contract for construction management services and material testing for City Project No. 1305 Telegraph Road Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$50,000 and a consultant services agreement to GEO-Environmental in the amount of \$30,000 for Material testing and approving the First Amendment to the Agreement with JMDiaz, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000.

Received and filed a report from the Parks and Recreation Department on water conservation efforts.

Approved an agreement between the Successor Agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control and Mayans Development, Inc./Los Jardines LLC for initial testing of the former Specific Plating Facility located at 1350 S. Eastern Avenue, Commerce.

Adopted an ordinance adding section 6.08 "Donation Collection Bins" to Title 6 "Health and Sanitation" of the Commerce Municipal Code.

Approved the establishment of a permit fee for donation collection bins pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 6.08 of Title 6 (Health and Sanitation) of the Commerce Municipal Code.

Adopted a resolution discontinuing tree maintenance on private property in the Village residential community.

Authorized staff to develop a tree removal policy for private property to address health and safety concerns of the community.

Adjourned in memory of Maria Arriero, grandmother of City employee Nancy Perez and in memory of Terry Stinnett, stepmother of City employee Jason Stinnett.

Regular Meeting of August 19

Proclaimed September 2014 as Adult Literacy Awareness Month in the City of Commerce.

Proclaimed September 2014 at National Preparedness Month in the City of Commerce.

Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for Proposition C-5% transit security funds.

Approved an agreement with Dekra-Lite for holiday decorations installation, removal, maintenance and storage with a supplemental appropriation of \$25,200.

Approved the transfer of a Professional Services Agreement with Environmental Science Associates to update the permitted uses in the City's Commercial and Manufacturing Zones to Metis Environmental.

Approved an agreement with MIG to facilitate meetings for the Green Zones Project.

Approved an agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority for the Rapid Bus Station Implementation Project.

Affirmed a Council action taken in 2009 to name four of the rooms in the Central Library after four members of the City's Incorporation Committee as follows: Amelia Bristow, Lucy Maese, Val Bassett and Eva Long.

Received and filed a presentation on the 4th Annual Clean-Up Day event from Steve Craig, President and CEO of Craig Realty Management, owner of the Citadel Retail Outlets.

Approved a budget for the Commerce Sister City Association in the amount of \$13,000 and reimbursement of \$1,652.49 to the Commerce Sister City Association for hosting expenses from the 2014 Aguascalientes delegation.

Received and filed presentation on water conservation programs from representatives of the Central Basin Municipal Water District.

Approved revisions to the Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan to create new specifications for the Public Works and Development Services Department for Deputy Directors of Development Services, Deputy Director of Engineering and Deputy Director of Public Works Operations.

Approved participation in the PACE residential energy retrofit financing programs available to resident through the Western Riverside Council of Governments Joint Powers Authority or the County of Los Angeles.

Received and filed the legislative report.

City of Commerce Water Conservation Check-list

Due to the severity of the drought in the state of California, there is an immediate need to better utilize the available water supplies.

Watering lawns and landscapes, and hose watering

- Only water lawns or landscapes before 10 a.m. or after 5 p.m.
- Water lawns or landscapes only once a day. It's best to reduce watering to a maximum of three times a week.
- Prevent runoff onto adjoining streets, parking lot, or alleys.
- Inspect all hoses, faucets, and sprinkler systems for leaks and repair all leaks as soon as possible.
- Sweep sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, or paved surfaces, instead of washing them down. If health is a concern or a surface requires a more thorough wash, consider using a water broom.

Indoor plumbing and fixtures

- Inspect all accessible indoor plumbing and faucets for leaks and repair all leaks as soon as possible. If you live in an apartment building, report any type of water waste, such as leaks or plumbing problems to the building manager.

Washing vehicles

- Use a hand-held bucket or water-hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle to wash motor vehicles, boats, trailers, or other type of mobile equipment, except at a commercial carwash or with reclaimed water.
- When washing a vehicle by hand, shut-off the water hose when not in use.

Laundry, water saving appliances & kits

- Make the most of your wash by doing full loads. Consider using high-efficiency washing machines. Install a high-efficiency toilet and low-flow shower heads. Check with your water provider, local water agency, or retail store for available rebates.
- Check with your local water provider for conservation kits (which

may include high-efficiency shower heads, shut-off hose nozzles, leak detection dye tablets, and more) that may be available to you.

Public eating places

- In public places where food is sold, such as a restaurant, hotel, cafeteria, or café, drinking water should be served only if specifically requested by the customer.

Decorative fountains, ponds, lakes, or other aesthetic structures

- Do not use water to clean, fill, or maintain levels in decorative fountains, ponds or other similar aesthetic structures, unless the water flows through a recycling system.
- Use only the water you need for everyday activities, and monitor your water bill
- During your daily activities, such as brushing your teeth or shaving, turn the water off when you are not using it. Also, even if you already have a high-efficiency showerhead, every minute you shorten your shower can save up to 75 gallons per month and can save you money. Monitor your water bill for unusually high use.

Use California native plants in

your garden and reuse water

- Plant native or drought tolerant plants in your garden. Reuse water whenever possible. For instance, when you give your pet fresh water, reuse the old water for your houseplants. If you have a pool, when back-flushing your pool, consider using the water on your landscaping.

Get involved

- Stay informed and participate in your local community's conservation efforts. Nothing fuels a conservation program like public support. Contact your local water service provider for more information



WATER CONSERVATION

Protect People and the Environment

Household Hazardous Wastes: What's the Danger?

Things to watch for:
 1) Old batteries
 2) Old Lightbulbs
 3) Old Paint
 4) Cleaning Supplies
 5) Old Medications

Fire Hazards - Some products such as gasoline, thinners, lighter fluid or glues and adhesives can catch fire.

Toxicity to Humans - Many chemicals including lawn and garden or cleaning chemicals, can be toxic if inhaled or ingested

Explosion Hazards - Pool chemicals and bleaches can react violently with other materials to explode or produce toxic gases.

Harm to the Environment - Chemicals and unwanted medicines can contaminate lakes and rivers, or public drinking water supplies if simply flushed down the toilet or poured down the drain.

Information taken from: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/environment/groundwatermgmt/hazwaste.htm>

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Properly

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is any product labeled toxic, poison, combustible, corrosive, flammable or irritant that is disposed of. HHW includes paint, cleaning supplies, new or used motor oil.

When thrown in the trash, household hazardous waste can injure sanitation workers. In addition, the hazardous waste may end up in landfills which could in turn impact groundwater. When poured on the ground, household hazardous waste may seep into and contaminate our groundwater or the ocean we swim in.

When flushed down a toilet, sink or drain, household hazardous waste goes through the sewage system to treatment plants not equipped to handle hazardous waste. At treatment plants, hazardous waste interferes with the biological treatment process by killing bacteria and contaminating the effluent that runs into the ocean and the biosolids which cannot then be reused as fertilizer.

When hazardous waste is thrown on the street, it goes down storm drains leading into our area waterways, impacting the Pacific Ocean, our lakes, and our local beaches. Improper use, storage and disposal of

household hazardous products can potentially harm our families, children, and pets, pollute our neighborhoods and contaminate our ground, water and air.

When disposing of HHW please follow the limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip to the County permanent centers or collection events for disposal. Business hazardous waste and electronic waste is not accepted at the County permanent centers or collection events. If you are a small business with hazardous waste, you may qualify for the City of L.A.'s Small Quantify Generator Program.

For more information, visit www.businessrecycling.com to locate a proper recycler.

S.A.F.E. (Solvent/Automotive/Flammables/Electronics)

Permanent Collection Center 2649 E. Washington Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90021. Hours of Operation: Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more information, visit www.dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/hhw/ or call (888) CLEAN LA.

Exclusively for the Senior Set

The Commerce Senior Center offers many clubs, programs and activities to help keep our more seasoned residents fit and active. For details call the Senior Center at (323) 887-4430.

NUTRITION LUNCH PROGRAM

Monday – Friday: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.
 Ages 60 & Older - \$2.25 donation
 Ages: 59 & under - \$4.50 donation.
 Homebound: \$2.50 donation
 Reservations for lunch must be made the day before, no later than 1:00 p.m.

CLUBS

Auld Lang Syne Club
 Second and last Wednesday of the month: 10:30 a.m.

Senior Center Staff Sponsored Club Meeting
 First and third Wednesday of the month: 10:30 a.m.

Commerce Senior Citizens Club
 Last Tuesday of the month: 5:30 pm

Social Club
 Every Friday at 10:30 a.m. except the second Friday of each month 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Halloween Dance
 Friday, October 31, 2014 12:00-4:00 p.m.
 Must pre-register beginning October 1

Arthritis Exercise Class
 Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. & Tuesday 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

BINGO
 Wednesday: 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$.25 cents per card or 5 cards for \$1.00 per session.

Chi Gong Mondays: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Cooking Classes
 Tuesdays: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Cost: Will vary depending on menu.

Macramé
 Mondays: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 Cost will vary depending on supplies.

Movie Thursdays: 12:30 p.m. 40 and over.

Salsa Dance
 Wednesdays: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 40 and over

Yoga
 Tuesday – Free: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
 Thursday - \$4.00: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Arts & Crafts
 Fees may apply for program supplies.

Crochet Class
 Tuesday & Thursday: 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Water Color Painting
 Tuesday & Thursday: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

SPORTS

Bowling Mondays: 12:15 – 3:00 p.m.
 15 week sessions Fee: \$6.00 includes shoes.

Softball (Seasonal)



TROT

Established 1991

Saturday

November 22, 2014

8:10 a.m. Sharp!!

2535 Commerce Way
Commerce, Ca 90040

Registration Information

Free to community and industrial residents with current activity card. Cards required.

Non Residents:

Pre- registration \$20
Deadline November 20, 2014
On Site Registration: \$25
(Cash only, No checks will be accepted)

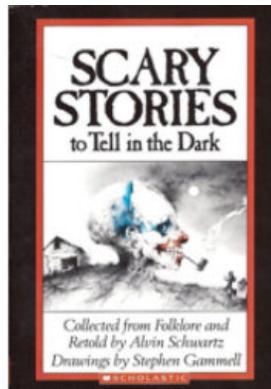
Enter by Mail, Fax or Online Application.

For more information:

Email Sports Coordinator Frank Garcia at Frankg@ci.commerce.ca.us or call (323) 887-4432



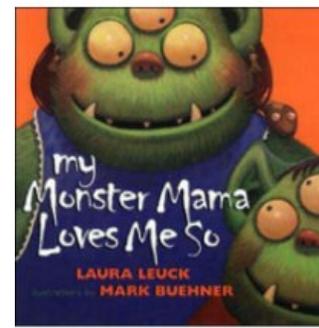
Los Gatos Black on Halloween by Marisa Montes



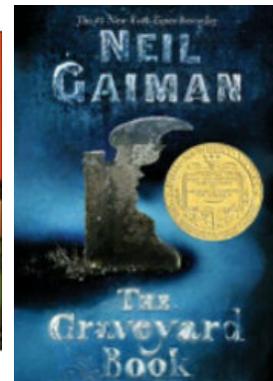
Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark by Alvin Schwartz

HOT READS

available @
the City of Commerce
Public Library



My monster Mama Loves Me So by Laura Leuck



The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Teen Book The Maze Runner

Thomas wakes up in an elevator, not knowing who he is, where he is, or why he's there. He meets other teens, who seem to be expecting him, but also have missing memories. Just outside their settlement is an ever-changing maze. If they can survive the dangers of the maze, maybe they can find some answers.



New Program Provides Free School Project Supplies

To help students on projects by providing tools and materials like paper cutting machines and tri-fold poster board, the Commerce Public Library launched the Project and Collaborative Education (PACE) Program.

In addition to providing poster board, the PACE Program also gives students access to other project staples such as scissors, crayons,

markers, glue and much more. This new program, which will be funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, will be a great benefit to students and parents by transforming the Library into a project hub.

For more information, call the Central Library at (323) 722-6660.

White House Internship Program Accepting Apps

Note: The information below has been provided per the recommendation of the City of Commerce Education Commission.

The White House Initiative's Year-round Internship Program provides current undergraduate and graduate students with an opportunity to learn about Latino-focused education policy, communications, and outreach at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Collecting research and data on Latino education, institutions and communities for briefing materials
- Transcribing Latino leader and President's Advisory Commission meeting notes and/or participant feedback following WHI events
- Performing data entry and managing the office data base/Listserv (Salesforce and Delivery programs)
- Greeting and escorting visitors to meetings
- Participating in strategic planning and staff meetings and other Department policy briefings and meetings relevant to the work of the WHI
- Assisting senior staff in preparing interim and final reports and other materials for senior officials
- Responding to constituent inquiries verbally or in writing in English and/or Spanish
- Creating and/or updating presentations, fact sheets, one-pagers or talking points
- Assisting with all planning and implementation needs for upcoming local and out-of-town events and meetings, which can include collecting/researching background materials, cold-calling Listserv members, cataloging attendees, escorting senior Administration officials and members of the President's Advisory Commission.

•Maintaining office media archives, which includes searching for any media coverage related to WHI events and speaking engagements

•Liaising between the WHI and local and national Latino organizations and federal agencies

•Providing Facebook and Twitter updates to the WHI's accounts as needed

•Traveling (when necessary).

In addition, opportunities for developmental growth are encouraged, such as interviewing senior Department officials and officials from external organizations, and attending internal/external presentations and briefings related to Latino education. Duties will also vary slightly (more substantive work) for graduate students, particularly Ph.D. candidates.

Throughout the course of their internships, students will have the opportunity to attend meetings, briefings and other special events on the Hill, at the White House and other federal agencies. Group tours and other social outings also are organized by the chief of staff, and include locations such as the Library of Congress, White House, U.S. Capitol, and the Smithsonian Institution museums.

Note that this is an unpaid internship and that interns will be required to secure their own housing while in Washington D.C. There is a transportation subsidy available for students accepted to the program.

For more information on requirements and how to apply visit www.ed.gov/edblogs/hispanic-initiative/internship-program.



Happy Halloween

Hallow's Eve Just Got More Colorful



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

While Americans have been observing "All Hallows Eve" or Halloween since the early 1900's, the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos or "Day of the Dead" has, in recent years, grown tremendously in popularity. In fact, 20th Century Fox is behind the new 3D computer-animated adventure comedy "The Book of Life" which will be in theatres October 17. The movie which features the voices of major movie stars Diego Luna, Zoe Saldana and Channing Tatum, explores colorful Mexican customs in the vibrant Dia de los Muertos themed world.

While Dia de los Muertos is literally translated to "Day of the Dead", it is not a somber holiday. In fact it is a celebration of life and remembrance of those who have died. The celebration is traditionally observed over three days: October 31, November 1 and November 2, in connection with the triduum of Hallowtide which is All Hallows' Eve, Hallowmas, and All Souls' Day. People who celebrate this holiday will typically build private altars called ofrendas, which honor the deceased. Decorated sugar skulls, marigolds, and the favorite foods and beverages of the departed as well as pictures are traditionally included in the ofrendas. Some people will also decorate gravesites with these gifts as well.

Scholars trace the origins of the modern Mexican holiday to indigenous observances dating back hundreds of years, specifically to an Aztec festival dedicated to the goddess Mictecacihuatl. In most regions of Mexico, November 1 honors children and infants and deceased adults are honored on November 2. This is indicated by generally referring to November 1 as Día de los Inocentes ("Day of the Innocents") or Día de los Angelitos ("Day of the Little Angels") and November 2 as Día de los Muertos or Día de los Difuntos ("Day of the Dead").

The holiday has spread throughout the world. In Brazil Dia de Finados is a public holiday that many Brazilians celebrate by visiting cemeteries and churches. In Spain there are festivals and parades and people gather at cemeteries and pray for their dead loved ones. Similar observances occur elsewhere in Europe and in many Asian and African cultures. So celebrate your lost loved ones and have a Feliz Dia de los Muertos!

A Visit from the Most Wicked Queen in All the Land



This year Miss Commerce Denize Rodriguez and her Royal Court will be stopping by the Halloween Week programs dressed as Disney Villains for Villains Week in Commerce. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to take pictures with the Evil Queen and her court of wicked princesses! Registration for Halloween activities begin Monday, October 20, 2014 at your local park.

For more information call 323-887-4434.

- SPOOKTACULAR CRAFTS**
Tuesday, October 28, 2014
3:30-5:00 p.m. Ages: 6-12
Spaces limited to 15 per park.
- SOMETHING'S BREWING**
Wednesday, October 29, 2014
3:30-5:00 p.m. Ages: 6-12
Spaces limited to 15 per park.
- PUMPKIN DECORATING**
Thursday, October 30, 2014
6:00-7:30 p.m. Ages: 6-12
Bring your pumpkins and staff will assist you in transforming your pumpkin into a Jack O'Lantern.
Pumpkins not provided.
- GOBLIN GIVE - AWAY**
Friday, October 31, 2014
Free Ages: 3-10
The Goblin will be calling between 8:30-8:45 p.m.
- DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION**
Sunday, November 2, 2014
1:00-5:00 p.m. at Bristow Park
Activities include: children's craft workshop, music, food, dancing, unique altars and more.
- HALLOWEEN COSTUME Parade & Games**
Friday, October 31, 2014
6:00 p.m. sharp!
All parks - Free to all ages.
- ITSY BITSY HALLOWEEN**
Friday, October 24, 2014
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Park
Cost: \$2.00 per child Ages: 2-5
Sign up at your local park beginning Tuesday, October 7. Space is limited.



Be Safe and Seen on HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a fun holiday, but it can also be dangerous. The City encourages parents to take their trick-or-treaters to the programs being held at Commerce parks like the Halloween Costume Parade. But while in the neighborhood families should follow these simple Halloween Safety tips provided by the National Crime Prevention Council:

- Kids should carry flashlights or mark their costumes with reflective tape so motorists can see them.
- If kids go trick or treating without an adult, they should travel in groups; the larger the better. Groups should stick to visiting familiar households.
- Kids should never go inside someone's home and should only go to houses with the porch light on.
- Parents should check all treats thoroughly before kids eat them.
- Set a time limit for children to trick-or-treat. Together, map out a safe route so you know where they'll be and remind them not to take shortcuts through back yards, alleys, or playing fields.
- Kids need to know not to eat their treats until they get home. Feeding your goblins a meal or substantial snack beforehand may prevent dipping into treats.
- Eat only unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers.
- Costumes should be flame-retardant so the little ones aren't in danger near candlelit jack-o-lanterns.
- Encourage kids to wear comfortable shoes.

We also want to make sure our four-legged family members have a fun and safe Halloween. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) also offers some simple tips.

- Chocolate in all forms—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be very dangerous for dogs and cats. Candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can also cause problems. If you do suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.
- Wires and cords from electric lights and other decorations should be kept out of reach of your pets. If chewed, your pet might suffer cuts, burns, or shock.
- Exercise caution if you choose to add a candle to your jack-o-lantern. Pets can easily knock over a lit pumpkin and cause a fire.
- Do not put your dog or cat in a costume UNLESS you know he or she loves it, wearing a costume may cause undue stress. It should not constrict the animal's movement or hearing, or impede his ability to breathe, bark or meow. If your pet seems distressed or is behaving abnormal, consider a festive bandana.
- Make sure your pet's costume does not have small, dangling or easily chewed-off pieces that he could choke on.
- All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room away from the front door. Too many strangers can be scary for pets.
- When opening the door for trick-or-treaters, take care that your cat or dog doesn't dart outside.
- IDs, please! Always make sure your dog or cat has proper identification.

If for any reason your pet escapes and becomes lost, call animal control services at (562) 940-6898.

The Gallery



HOME BREWING 101



Library patrons participated in the Adult Summer Reading Program Ending Celebration on Aug. 21, which featured an introduction to Home Brewing held at the Senior Center.

SUPER SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS



Hundreds of kids and families participated in Super Summer Movie Nights held throughout the summer at all four City parks. Pictured here at Rosewood Park from l. to r. are Commerce kids with Miss Fourth of July Natalie Melendez, Miss Dodgers Chloe Romero, Miss Commerce Denize Rodriguez, Miss Cinco de Mayo Mariah Pino and Young Man of the Year Christian Reyes.

COMMUNITY DODGER NIGHT



Commerce residents and Miss Dodgers Chloe Romero celebrated Community Dodger Night by cheering the home team on to a 6-2 victory over the New York Mets at Dodger Stadium on Aug. 22.

YOUTH CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers from several of the City's youth programs were honored by the City Council for participating in the Clean Up Commerce event and received a check from the Citadel Outlets to support their activities.

16TH OF SEPTEMBER CELEBRATION



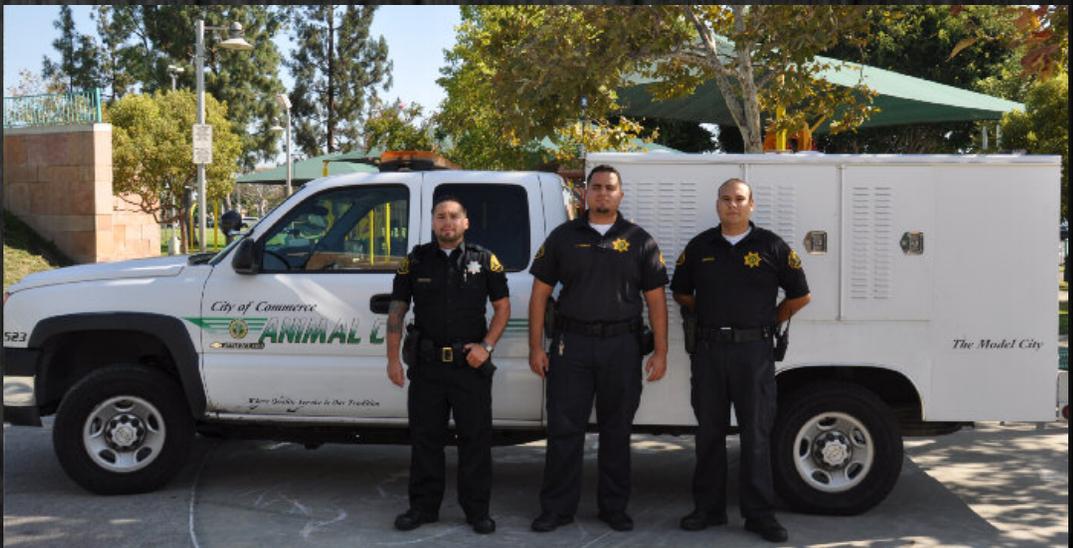
The Commerce Folklorico dance program's performance was one of the highlights of the 16th of September Celebration held at Bristow Park in partnership with the United Family of Bristow.

DEDICATED CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS



The United Family of Bristow's Alberto Mafud grills up carne asada to help raise funds for the UFB, which is one of Commerce's official civic organizations.

THE A-TEAM



Commerce's A-Team also known as the Animal Control officers, help ensure the safety of people and pets in the City. To inquire about lost pets or report issues, call them at (323) 887-4460 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. M-F. After 6 p.m. and on weekends call L.A. County Animal Control at (562) 940-6898.



OCTOBER 2014

COMMERCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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EOC Dedication Ceremony



October 25, 2014
Noon to 3 p.m. Rosewood Park

1
Senior Citizens
Commission 12:30 p.m.

2
Parks & Recreation
Commission 6:30 p.m.

3
"Once I
overcame breast
cancer, I wasn't
afraid of any-
thing anymore."
**Melissa
Etheridge**

4
Starbucks Read-In
Washington/Atlantic
10 a.m.

5
"There can be
life after breast
cancer. The
prerequisite is
early detection."
Ann Jillian

6
English Book Club
Transportation Conf. Rm
6 p.m.

Youth Advisory
Commission 7 p.m.

7
City Council/Successor
Agency Meeting 6:30 p.m.



8
Community Task Force
3 p.m.

Traffic Commission
6:30 p.m.

9
Community Services
Commission 6 p.m.

10

11

12

13
Education Commission
6 p.m.

14

15

16
"Innovation
distinguishes be-
tween a leader
and a
follower."
Steve Jobs

17
**Community Clip-
per Night**

18

19

20
"Leadership and
learning are in-
dispensable
to eachother."
**John F.
Kennedy**

21
Teen Book Club
Bristow Library
4 p.m.

Library Embajadores
Community Services
Conf. Rm 6 p.m.

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

22
Planning Commission
6:30 p.m.

23

24

25
Day of the Dead
Atlantic Library
11 a.m.

**EOC Dedication
Ceremony**
& Safety Fair
Rosewood Park
Noon to 3 p.m.

26
Spanish Reading Club
Community Services
Conf. Rm
6 p.m.

27

28
Library Commission
5:30 p.m.

29
Red Ribbon Day

30

31
Halloween
Costume Parade & Games
All Parks 6 p.m.

**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.

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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

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Starting the Conversation about Domestic Violence

In addition to being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Many people were shocked by recent incidents of domestic violence perpetrated by high-profile professional athletes and it has opened the public dialogue on an often taboo subject. It has also called attention to the deficiencies many organizations have when dealing with domestic violence. As a result, the National Football League and now Major League Baseball are evaluating their player conduct and disciplinary policy and it is predicted many other organizations will follow suit.

Domestic violence is a serious issue with serious impacts and is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community, regardless of age, economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or ethnic background. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, intimate partner violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior which is only a fraction of a systematic pattern of dominance and control. Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and in severe cases, even death. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.

The reality is approximately 1 in 3 women have experienced

The National Domestic Violence

HOTLINE

1.800.799.SAFE (7233) • 1.800.787.3224 (TTY)

physical violence by an intimate partner. Intimate partner violence is most common among women between the ages of 18-24, however, 1 in 10 men have also experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime. There are also economic effects from domestic violence. Victims lose a total of 8 million days of paid work each year. Between 21-60% of victims lose their jobs due to reasons stemming from the abuse. And sadly, 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner and 94% of the victims of these murder-suicides are female. If you or someone you know needs help, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first "Day of Unity" observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation working to end violence against women and their children. In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year the first national toll-free hotline was implemented. In 1989 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation was passed by the U.S. Congress. Such legislation has passed every year since. For additional resources, visit www.ncadv.org.

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 Public Affairs Show Featuring Community local topics

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
 "Severns Collection" Tuesdays at 3 p.m.
 The Vintage Vehicle Show
 "Jones Collection" Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
 The Vintage Vehicle Show
 "Jim Davidson Collection" Thursdays at 8 a.m.

The Vintage Vehicle Show
 "Issaquah Tri-5 Chevy Show"
 Saturdays at 8 a.m.

LA Now

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.

Join Miss Clippers, Samantha Ashley Jauregui, as she hosts the annual Community Clippers Night on Friday, October 17 at the Staples Center in Downtown Los Angeles. Blake Griffin, Chris Paul and the red hot Los Angeles Clippers will take on the Utah Jazz on their road to an NBA title. Tickets are only \$15 and there are a limited number left so call the Department of Parks and Recreation now at 323-887-4434.