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L. to r. are Esmerelda Garcia, MIG Inc./Green Zones facilitator; Jorge Rifa, City Administrator; Eddie Tafoya, Commerce Industrial Council; Angelo Logan, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice; Jason Gardea-Stinnett, Labor Appointee; and Deputy Director of Development Services Matt Marquez.



## Commerce Green Zones Working Group Receives Clean Air Award from AQMD

The City of Commerce Green Zones Working Group received a Clean Air Award from the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) for their work on the Green Zones Policy at an awards ceremony held on Oct. 3 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles.

The Green Zones Policy Working Group developed the first such policy to be approved in suburban Los Angeles County. The AQMD presented the Green Zones Working Group with the award in the "Promotion of Good Environmental Stewardship" category for their work in developing the Policy. The policy was approved by the City Council in November 2013 and implemented specific components of the proposal to reduce pollution and revitalize the local economy through reinvestment.

"It isn't every day that efforts to achieve good jobs and a healthy community are recognized. The AQMD award puts the spotlight on the City of Commerce's work towards a sustainable community," said Angelo Logan, the Green Zones Working Group Chair and cofounder of Commerce based environmental group East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice.

"By working in collaboration for nearly a year and a half with

city government, our member businesses, Labor, US EPA and stakeholders, we were able to champion meaningful policies and spurred innovative efforts for healthful air and a vibrant, sustainable economy," said Commerce Industrial Council Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Eddie Tafoya.

In addition to Logan and Tafoya, the Group consisted of City Council appointed members that included community residents working together with representatives from academia, the business community and organized labor.

MIG Consulting facilitated the meetings, the cost of which was initially funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The City is now funding the cost as the group continues work on the prevention element of the initial proposal related to zoning.

The Clean Air Awards are held annually by the AQMD to recognize individuals, businesses, communities and organizations that have worked to improve air quality throughout the South Coast Basin through leadership, innovation and a personal commitment to the environment.

## Free Services for our Service Men and Women



Last year's keynote speaker delivered a speech on his military experience.

The public is invited to the City's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 11 at Veterans Memorial Park. Veterans Day is a nationally observed holiday to honor the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The City has partnered with several organizations this year to offer information and resources for Veterans.

Walgreens will provide free flu shots for Veterans who have their VA card, as well as community members who have a Medicare or prescription usage card. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will have a table with information about their Electrical Training Institute located in Commerce and their Veterans-to-Work program.

Habitat for Humanity will be on hand with information about their free home repair program for Veterans as well home ownership programs for qualified community members. There will also be information about various agencies that offer assistance to Veterans.

"We are very excited to expand our traditional Veterans Day Ceremony to include several community organizations that focus on assisting our Veterans," said Director of Parks and Recreation Scott Wasserman. "We can't forget that some of our Veterans are young. We want to make sure that we have resources available that will benefit Veterans of all ages."

This family friendly event will feature a military static display, a children's craft area, musical entertainment, dignitaries, a keynote speaker and participation by our local color guard and Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 323-887-4434.

CITY OF COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS

# SNOW DAY

Saturday, December 20, 2014 at Veterans Memorial Park

**SLEDDING TIMES**

**AGES 2-5**  
10:00 - 11:30 A.M.  
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

**AGES 6-12**  
11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
SHUTTLE BUS PROVIDED.

We will also be offering the following activities and treats to all registered participants  
•Hot Chocolate •Churros •Games & Activities •"Frozen" character photo area

**"Frozen" show times 11:30 a.m. for ages 2-5 & 1:15 p.m. for ages 6-12**

This year we are bringing snow to Commerce! Throw on your gloves & snow boots and come take a ride on our icy adventure. Registration begins Monday, November 17, 2014 at your local park or at the Department of Parks and Recreation. Space is limited. Current resident card required. Sleds will be provided. For more information, call Parks and Recreation at (323) 887-4434

## From The Desk of Jorge Rifá City Administrator

As the year draws to a close, I want to invite the community to join the Mayor and Council in honoring our Nation's veterans at the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony being held at Veterans Park on Tuesday, November 11 at 10 a.m. This event is a great opportunity to come out and thank our local veterans for their service to our Country and to recognize our oldest resident and non-resident veterans in attendance.

This month also marks our annual Commerce Turkey Trot 5K Run on Saturday, November 22nd at 8:00 am in the Rosewood Park Neighborhood. It is a great way for the family to participate in a healthy activity and burn off a few extra calories prior to our Thanksgiving dinner.

Speaking of health, the Commerce Green Zones Working Group received a Clean Air Award from the South Coast Air Quality Management District on Oct. 3. The group developed the first Green Zones Policy in suburban Los Angeles County. The policy, which was approved by the City Council last winter, was designed to reduce negative environmental impacts while encouraging economic development and the creation of safe, healthy jobs. I'd like to thank the Working Group members for their hard work and congratulate them on the award.

The City of Commerce is proud to recognize Unified Grocers for their effort to promote green technology. Recently the company installed 12 electric vehicle charging stations in a prime location near the main office building. This project was the result of an in house poll conducted that showed employees would be more likely to consider purchasing an electric vehicle if it was convenient for them to recharge.

Another great example is S. Bravo Systems, which is a Hispanic owned Commerce business which was honored by Southern California Edison with an Energy Efficiency Award during Hispanic Heritage Month in September. The company produces fuel containment systems which protect the environment. The company received the award for reducing their environmental footprint. Congratulations to S. Bravo Systems on an award that was well deserved.

During this holiday season I'd like to encourage local businesses and residents to consider giving a helping hand to families in our community who are less fortunate. An easy way to do so is through donations of food, clothing, funds or gift certificates to the Commerce Holiday Cheer Program. Your generosity can help brighten the holidays for a deserving family in need. To find out more, please call the Social Services Division at (323) 887-4460.

On behalf of the City Council, I want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,  
Jorge Rifá

## Report to the People

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## Municipal Notes

### Nomination Period for City Election

On March 3, 2015, the City of Commerce will hold a General Municipal Election to elect two Councilmembers for four year terms. The nomination period begins Monday, November 10, 2014 and closes on December 5, 2014, unless an incumbent fails to file by that date, in which case, the nomination period will be extended to December 10, 2014.

Nomination papers are available from the City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Individuals requesting nomination papers must be registered voters of the City. Please contact the City Clerk's office at (323) 722-4805 or visit the City's website [www.commerce.ca.us-CityClerkDepartment/Elections](http://www.commerce.ca.us-CityClerkDepartment/Elections) for additional information.



The City thanked out going members of the Measure AA Committee for their contributions. From left to right: Ralph Vivero, Laura Perez and Jason Gardea-Stinnett.

### Regular Meeting of October 7

**Received** and filed a legislative update from 58th District Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, who represents cities in the area, including Commerce.

**Honored** Kevin Larsen, Haig Papaian, Laura Perez, Jason Gardea-Stinnett and Ralph Vivero for their service on the Commerce Measure AA Committee.

**Approved** a certificate honoring Commerce's Sister City of Aguascalientes on their 439th Anniversary.

**Approved** an exchange of Proposition A funds with the City of Montebello.

**Approved** guidelines for City Commissioners to attend conferences.

**Received** and filed a report on the I-710 Coalition efforts to complete the I-710 North Tunnel.

**Approved** an ordinance that established specifications for projects considered as an enclosed space.

**Approved** a social media policy.

**Approved** Change Order No. 07 with MTM Construction, Inc. for the Central Library Renovation Project.

**Approved** a resolution establishing a procedure to resolve tie votes in General Municipal Elections.

### Regular Meeting of September 23

**Approved** an agreement with the Active Network Ltd. to allow the City to absorb fees associated with online registration.

**Approved** an agreement with Martin Chapman and Company in an amount not to exceed \$39,705 for election consulting services.

**Approved** a Hold Harmless Agreement between the Commerce Successor Agency and the Gatwick Group, LLC.

**Authorized** staff to accept funding in the amount of \$10,109 from the Department of Justice 2014 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.

**Approved** revisions to the Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan for the Librarian position.

**Approved** a resolution restating and consolidating established salary and benefits for city councilmembers.

**Approved** a resolution establishing compensation and related benefits and consolidating prior benefits adopted by

the City Council for full-time unrepresented executive management employees.

**Approved** an agreement with the University of La Verne for an employee tuition discount program.

**Approved** plans and specifications for the Metrolink 26th Street Station Improvement Project.

**Approved** an addendum to the Environmental Impact Report for the Washington Boulevard Reconstruction Project.

**Approved** the purchase of equipment, parts, supplies and associated systems for the Transportation Maintenance Facility.

**Approved** an implementation plan and approval of a letter of agreement amending the Memorandum of Understanding with the Part-Time Employees represented by AF-SCME Local 773 authorizing the City Administrator to initiate an Affordable Care Act plan for the City.

**Approved** an agreement with Nationwide Environmental Services for catch basin maintenance services.

**Approved** an amendment to an agreement with Nationwide Environmental Services for Street Sweeping services extending the contract in the amount of \$624,950 by a period of five years.

**Awarded** a five year agreement to West Coast Arborists, Inc. for tree maintenance services.

**Approved** Change Order No. 06 with MTM Construction, Inc. totaling \$28,160 for the Central Library Renovation Project.

**Approved** an agreement with Transtech, Inc. in the amount of \$2,484,440 for construction management services for the Washington Boulevard Reconstruction Project.

**Received** and filed a report on the State Water Resources Board's Emergency Water Use Regulations.

**Adopted** a resolution approving the City's participation in and inclusion in the jurisdiction of the California HERO Program.

**Approved** a resolution calling for and giving notice of the Tuesday, March 3, 2015 General Municipal Election.

**Approved** a Hold Harmless Agreement between the Commerce Successor Agency and All American Asphalt, Inc. for property located at 6007 Telegraph Road.

**Appointed** Mary Gibson to the Senior Citizens Commission.

**Approved** a resolution superseding Resolution No. 2013-63 regulating the appointment of members to City commissions, committees and boards.



Assemblymember Cristina Garcia provided a State legislative update at the Oct. 7th Council Meeting.

## Emergency Preparedness Tips from the Gas Co.

Many natural disasters and other emergencies can strike without warning. In addition, after a major incident, there's a good chance that public safety services will be busy handling emergencies. Your best defense is to be prepared at all times.

### BEFORE AN EMERGENCY

•Know where your gas meter is located and keep a 12" or larger adjustable wrench with your emergency supplies, near your building exit or next to your gas meter shut-off valve. Do not store the wrench on the gas meter or other gas piping. Even in the case of an earthquake or other emergency, turn off your gas meter if you smell gas, hear gas leaking or see other signs of a leak--and ONLY if it is safe to do so.

•To help prevent your water heater from toppling in an earthquake, strap it firmly to the wall studs in two places - the upper and lower one-third of the tank - with heavy bolts and metal strapping. Be sure to place the lower strap at least four inches above the thermostat controls. Kits are available at your local hardware store. We recommend installation by a licensed, qualified professional.

•Call SoCalGas or a licensed, qualified professional to replace any semi-rigid aluminum or copper gas tubing appliance connectors with an approved flexible connector.

•Check safety devices, such as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, to ensure they are functioning properly.

•Call SoCalGas or a licensed, qualified professional to inspect your furnace and other gas appliances for safe operation and to make any needed repairs. Make sure flexible connectors are not subject to damage or passing through floors, walls or ceilings.

### AFTER AN EMERGENCY

•DO NOT turn off gas to the meter unless you smell gas, hear the sound of gas escaping or see other signs of a leak--and ONLY if it is safe to do so. If you turn off gas to the meter, leave it off. Interior gas piping and appliances must be inspected for possible damage before service

can be safely restored. Call SoCalGas to turn the gas back on, relight the pilots and service your appliances. Only SoCalGas field employees are allowed to turn on the gas to the meter.

•For safety, a shut-off valve should be installed at every gas appliance. If a leak occurs at a specific appliance, the valve will permit you to turn off the gas at the appliance.

•Check your water heater and furnace vents. Venting systems can become separated during an earthquake and leak hazardous fumes into your home. Do not operate your appliance unless it is properly vented. Signs of an improperly vented appliance may include moisture on the inside of windows or an unusual odor when the appliance is in operation.

•**DO NOT** ignite a flame or use any electrical appliances, light switches or other devices that can cause a spark until you're sure there are no gas leaks.

•Keep informed of the situation through local radio and television.

•If evacuation is necessary, prepare an evacuation kit, including personal hygiene items, change of clothes, bedding and medication, if possible. Food, shelter and first aid are available at shelters.

•If it is safe to do so, check on your neighbors, especially elderly and disabled persons.

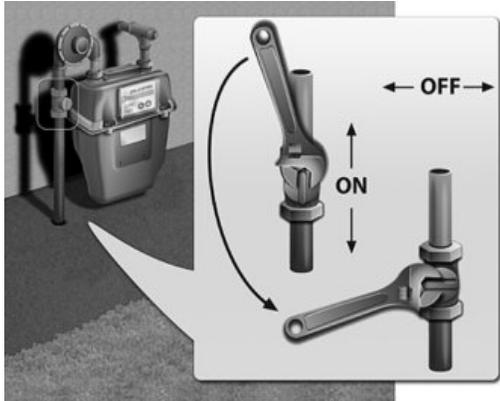
•**DO NOT** use 911 unless you have a life-threatening emergency.

•Avoid unnecessary trips. If you must travel during an emergency, dress in warm, loose layers of clothing and sturdy shoes. Advise others of your destination.

•Use flashlights, NOT lanterns, matches or candles to examine buildings, as flammable gases may be inside.

•Follow instructions of local authorities regarding the safety of drinking water. If in doubt, boil or purify water before drinking or call public health officials.

For more information on emergency preparedness, call the Commerce Emergency Preparedness Office at (323) 887-4460.



## Vector Control Reports Mosquito Activity

### Yellow Fever Mosquito Found in the City Commerce

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District encourages members of the public to report mosquito activity. Recently the aedes aegypti species also known as the yellow fever mosquito, has been found in Commerce and five miles away in Pico Rivera.

**There is no indication that the mosquitoes found thus far are infected or transmitting these viruses.**

However, this aggressive, daytime biting breed of mosquito is a significant nuisance and effective transmitter of yellow fever, dengue and chikungunya viruses.

This poses a risk that someone who has traveled to a country where these viruses are present could become sick, and if fed upon by these mosquitoes locally, could transmit these viruses to others in the community. These risks are low but remain a concern. **A final note: mosquitoes are NOT capable of transmitting and spreading Ebola.**

If you are bitten and start to feel ill (fever, headache, rash, muscle aches, weakness, body aches, mental confusion, etc.), contact your doctor and report the bites. Also, don't scratch mosquito bites to avoid secondary skin infections. Cortisone creams can ease itchy bites.

This mosquito prefers to live around people. They lay their eggs in water around our homes and like to come indoors. The eggs are very tiny and often found on plant stems rooting in water in vases and on saucers or decorative pots under potted plants that regularly hold water. Immature (larval) mosquitoes live in the water and look like tiny worms (wigglers or tumbler) swimming around.

In 5-7 days, they will change into adults and fly out of the water. Adult mosquitoes are small; about ¼ inch, dark brown/black in color with white stripes on their bodies and legs. They often bite during the daytime and into the early evenings. They prefer to bite around the legs and arms and will readily



enter homes to bite and lay eggs.

### Tips to Minimize Mosquito Activity at Home and in Your Neighborhood:

•Get rid of all containers holding water

•Do not root plant stems in vases or buckets. Plant them in dirt/soil instead. Thoroughly scrub containers that held water with hot soapy water, dry, and store upside down inside, or seal in plastic trash bags and dispose.

•Plant lucky bamboo in soil instead of water.

•Remove cut flowers from vases and discard after one week. Thoroughly scrub vase, dry, and store inverted.

•Remove all plant saucers, drip trays, etc. from under potted plants BOTH INDOORS AND OUTDOORS. Plants can be placed on raised 'pot feet' if needed. Scrub saucers and drip trays and store inside or seal in plastic trash bags and dispose.

•Pet water dishes/bowls/water troughs must be emptied, thoroughly cleaned, and refilled with fresh water every week.

•Check all yard/sidewalk drains to ensure they do not hold water. If so, call the District to request an inspection and treatment.

•If mosquitoes are active, use repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR 3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus to avoid bites.

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District is a local governmental agency providing mosquito control services to residents in large parts of Los Angeles County with the goal of reducing or eliminating risk of disease transmission to people.

We encourage you to report mosquitoes to vector control by calling (562) 944-9656 or via the web by visiting [www.ReportMosquitoes.org](http://www.ReportMosquitoes.org). They will provide FREE help. Residents can also call to order mosquito fish for large water troughs.

## CALMET SERVICES

Commerce • Metropolitan Waste Disposal

(562) 259-1239

## 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 of 12 times per year

•There is a limit of 4 items or 4 bundles per service request.

•Bulky items are picked up the day of regular schedule trash collection.

•Request for service must be made via telephone no less than 24 hours prior to regularly scheduled trash collection, and all items must be placed curbside by 6:00 A.M. on collection day.

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





# 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.

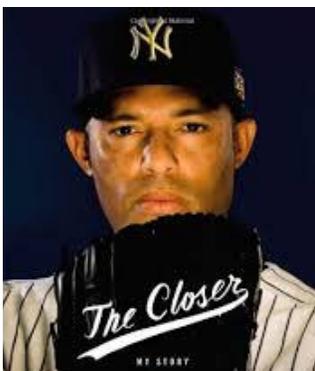
### For more information:

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



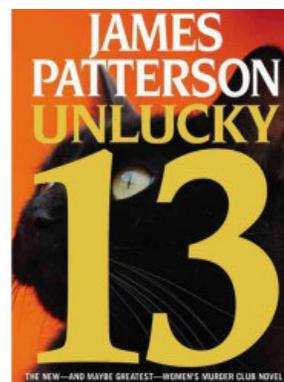
## Books on CD at the Commerce Library

The Commerce Public Library just added more than 40 new books on CD, including fiction and non-fiction. Books on CD are perfect for people with a long commute to work or school, or even to enjoy at home.



*The Closer*  
by Mariano Rivera

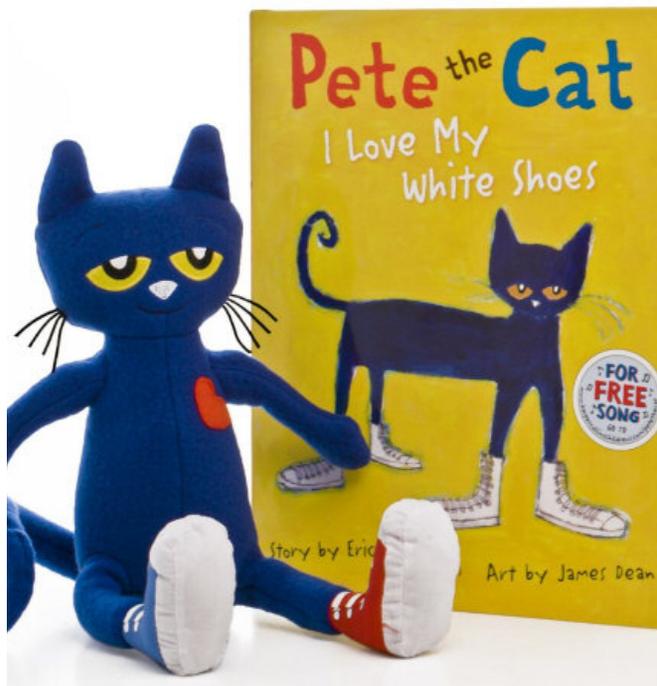
**HOT READS**  
available @  
the City of Commerce  
Public Library



*Unlucky 13*  
by James Patterson



*HRC: State Secrets and the Rebirth of Hillary Clinton* by Jonathan



## 'Pete the Cat' Pajama Storytimes

This month the Commerce Public Library will be hosting Pajama Storytimes where participating kids can meet and take a picture with children's book character "Pete the Cat."

- November 3th 5 pm Senior Center
- November 4th 6 pm Atlantic Library
- November 5th 6 pm Greenwood Library
- November 6th 6 pm Bristow Park Library

For more information, call your local neighborhood library:  
Bandini Library: (323) 887-4494  
Bristow Library: (323) 887-4492  
Rosewood Park Library: (323) 887-2270  
Veterans Library: (323) 887-4493

## Sharpen Your Computer Skills at Your Local Library



The City of Commerce will offer computer learning classes at their four branch libraries. Early registration is recommended and sign up forms will be provided at the library branches. Each class accommodates 6-18 students per session depending on the library. For more information or to sign up, visit the Atlantic, Bristow Park, Greenwood or Central Library reference desk or call at (323) 722-6660 x2824. All sessions start times are listed below with branch information.

**Introduction to Microsoft Access** (Atlantic)  
Monday, November 10, 2014, 5:30-7:30 PM

**Introduction to PowerPoint** (Bristow Park)  
Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 4:00-6:00 PM

**Introduction to Computers and Keyboarding** (Greenwood)  
Thursday, November 13, 2014, 5:30-7:30 PM

**Introduction to Microsoft Publisher** (Atlantic)  
Monday, December 8, 2014, 5:30-7:30 PM

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel** (Bristow Park)  
Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 4:00-6:00 PM

**Introduction to the Internet** (Greenwood)  
Thursday, December 11, 2014, 5:30-7:30 PM

# Helping Neighbors with *Holiday Cheer*



The Department of Community Services, Social Services Division is collecting donations for this year's Holiday Cheer program. This program provides assistance such as food, new toys and gift certificates to families who need a helping hand during the holidays. Individuals or organizations interested in sponsoring a family should have donations collected by November 14th for Thanksgiving and December 17th for Christmas.

Residents who are in need of assistance and would like to register for the Annual Holiday Cheer Program can do so beginning

Thursday, November 4. Eligibility for this program is based on residency and income. A City Resident Card for the registrant member (valid until December 25, 2014) and proof of total household income is required at the time of registration. Registration is every Tuesday morning from 9:30 am to 11:30 am and Thursday afternoon from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm, in the Community Services Department at Commerce City Hall - 2535 Commerce Way.

For additional information, please contact the Community Services Department at (323) 887-4460.

# Using Technology to Preserve the Past



The City of Commerce will host a community celebration on Saturday, January 24 at Rosewood Park in honor of the City's 55th Anniversary of incorporation. Several activities are being planned to recognize the storied history of Commerce, one of which will be an electronic photo book.

Residents are asked to submit their favorite Commerce photo. The photo must be scanned in at a high resolution which means 300 dpi (dots per inch). Please write a brief description about the photo and if possible, include date and location.

For more information about the project, feel free to contact Herlinda Chico in the Public Information Office at (323) 722-4805 ext. 2370 or by email at [herlindac@ci.commerce.ca.us](mailto:herlindac@ci.commerce.ca.us).



# SHAVE THE DATE

## NOVEMBER 1ST

SIGN UP, GROW AND DONATE!



From 30 Mo Bros in Melbourne, Australia in 2003 to 4 million Mo's by 2013, Movember has become a truly global movement that is changing the face of men's health. Since 2003, the Movember Foundation has raised \$559 million, funded over 800 men's health projects and has inspired participation in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Hong Kong, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and USA.

What exactly is Movember? It's a fun challenge to men to grow moustaches during the month of November. The intent is to spark conversation and raise funds and awareness for men's health issues, specifically prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health. Traditionally, men have not focused on their health and the reality is one in two men will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. One in seven men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. Testicular cancer is the most common cancer in males between the ages of 15 and 35. And sadly, more than four times as many men as women die by suicide in the US every year.

The Foundation seeks to improve the physical and mental health of men while reducing the mortality of those fighting prostate and testicular cancer. Through research, mental health was identified as an area of great need and little funding and the Movember Foundation is committed to changing that.

The City of Commerce will be raising funds to donate to the Movember Foundation. Feel free to contribute at City facilities in the containers decorated with a moustache. To find out more about Movember and how you can participate, visit [www.us.movember.com](http://www.us.movember.com).

**MADE IN MOVEMBER**

THE RULES

1. ONCE SIGNED UP HERE AT [MOVEMBER.COM](http://MOVEMBER.COM) EACH MO BRO MUST BEGIN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF NOVEMBER WITH A CLEAN SHAVEN FACE.
2. FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF NOVEMBER EACH MO BRO MUST GROW AND GROOM A MOUSTACHE.
3. DON'T FAKE IT. NO BEARDS, NO GOATEES, NO FAKE MOUSTACHES.
4. USE THE POWER OF THE MOUSTACHE TO CREATE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT MEN'S HEALTH AND TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PROSTATE CANCER, TESTICULAR CANCER AND MENTAL HEALTH.
5. EACH MO BRO MUST CONDUCT HIMSELF LIKE A TRUE GENTLEMAN...

# The Gallery



## BRAVO TO S. BRAVO SYSTEMS



Hispanic owned Commerce Business S. Bravo Systems was honored by Southern California Edison with the Energy Efficiency Participation Award as part of Edison's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

## YMCA PRESCHOOL OPENS NEW GARDEN AND LEARNING CENTER



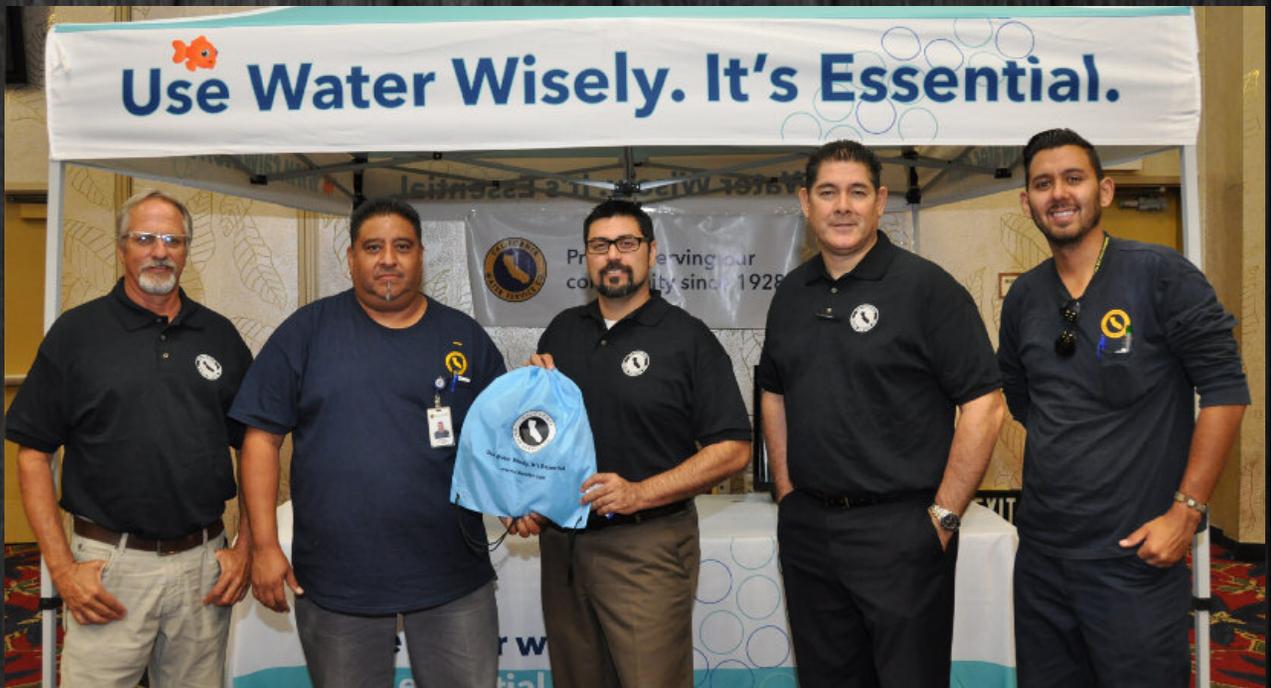
To teach children about the environment the Montebello-Commerce YMCA Preschool opened the new Garden and Learning Center in September. From l. to r. are Montebello Unified School District Board Member Lani Cupchoy, MUSD Board President David Vela and Montebello-Commerce YMCA Executive Director Mike Newton.

## BUSINESS EXPO



The Commerce Industrial Council hosted a "Monopoly" themed Annual Business Expo at the Commerce Hotel and Casino in September. From l. to r. are Industrial Council Executive Director Eddie Tafoya, Industrial Council Ambassador Damien Orozco dressed as "Rich Uncle Pennybags," and Omar Rodriguez of Xigent Printing.

## CALIFORNIA WATER PROMOTES CONSERVATION



Representatives of California Water Service Co. participated in the Annual Business Expo to encourage people and businesses to conserve water.

## CITADEL JOB FAIR



More than 2,000 job seekers flocked to the Citadel looking for job opportunities with nearly 100 employers.

## COLLEGE FAIR



There were nearly 1,000 participants at this year's Commerce to College Fair including students, their families and college representatives.



# NOVEMBER 2014

## COMMERCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p><b>December 2014</b></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><b>January 2015</b></p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>Commerce Annual</p> <h1>VETERANS DAY CEREMONY</h1> <p>Tuesday, November 11, 2014</p>				<p>1</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends (turn clocks back 1 hour)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>"Pete the Cat" Pajama Storytime Senior Citizens Center 5 p.m.</p> <p>English Book Club Transportation Conf. Rm. 6 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Advisory Commission 7 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>General Election</b></p> <p>Holiday Cheer Registration Begins</p> <p>"Pete the Cat" Pajama Storytime Atlantic Library 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p>5</p> <p>Senior Citizens Commission 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>College Application Workshop Community Services Conf. Rm. 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>"Pete the Cat" Pajama Storytime Greenwood Library 6 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Parks &amp; Recreation Commission 6 p.m.</p> <p>"Pete the Cat" Pajama Storytime Bristow Park Library 6 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>"Caring for our veterans is the duty of a grateful nation." <b>Patty Murray</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Education Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Veterans Day City Hall and Libraries Closed</b></p> <p>Veterans Day Ceremony Veterans Park 10 a.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Community Task Force 3 p.m.</p> <p>Measure AA Committee 6 p.m.</p> <p>Traffic Commission 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Community Services Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." <b>Elmer Davis</b></p>	<p>15</p> <p>Adult Holiday Faire</p> <p>International Games Day All Library Branches 11 a.m.</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Spanish Reading Club Community Services Conf. Rm. 6 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Library Embajadores Meeting, Community Services Conf. Rm. 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p>19</p> <p>"An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day." <b>Irv Kupcinet</b></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Doctor Who Fest Central Library, 4 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5K Turkey Trot 8 a.m.</p> <p>Star Wars Day Central Library, 11 a.m.</p>
<p>23</p> <p>30</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Library Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving City Hall and Libraries Closed</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>City Hall and Libraries Closed</b></p>	<p>29</p> <p>"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues." <b>Cicero</b></p>

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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.

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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.

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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.

## Holidays are Here, Time to Get Crafty!

November 15, 2014





**M**ark your calendars for the Annual Adult Craft Faire on Saturday, November 15 at the Batres Community Center at Bandini Park. The event will be held from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. and is \$10 per person pre-registration and \$12 at the door if there is space available.

Each year Arts and Crafts Coordinator, Brenda Hernandez presents four festive creations for residents to replicate. This year participants will make a “Fall Pumpkin”, a “White Winter’s Glow Candle”, “Jack Frost’s Elegant Box” and a “Sparkling New Year Bottle”.

This is a very popular one day event so register early. Residents 15 years of age and older can register beginning Monday, October 13 at the Department of Parks & Recreation. Current resident I.D. card is required. Walk-ins on the day of the event are welcome if space is available. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 323-887-4434.