



Report to the People

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The library room dedicated just for teens features comfortable lounge seating, booths and a "conference table". Floor to ceiling windows allow visitors to peek inside this cool alcove that contains age specific material perfect for our young adults readers.

Commerce to Celebrate 55th Birthday at Ribbon Cutting for New Library Jan. 24

To celebrate Commerce's 55th Birthday and the opening of the newly renovated Rosewood Neighborhood Library the City will host a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, January 24 from 10 am to 1 pm.

The event will feature treats, entertainment and guided tours. This project marks the first substantial update to the facility since the Library opened in September of 1964.

The newly renovated library, which opened last month, has areas geared to different age groups. For instance, teens will have their own area to hang out and game on 60" television screens. Laptops will be available for use and age specific books and materials will be housed there as well. Children from toddlers to 12 years of age will also have their own space. The Homework Help Center and a space for early family literacy books, materials and games are located in the same area.

For adults who just want to relax in a comfortable "living

room" setting, there's a space for you too! New books and magazines are included in this area as well as TVs for those who want to catch up on current and local news coverage.

New computers will be available for public use and there is also a dedicated area for those who bring their own devices and want to access the library's highspeed wifi.

The renovated library has three study rooms that can be reserved during library hours. These study rooms have a porcelain white board for brainstorming or for group study. The large study has a smart TV for groups working on computer based projects.

For more information about the new library and the Grand Opening, call 323-887-2270.

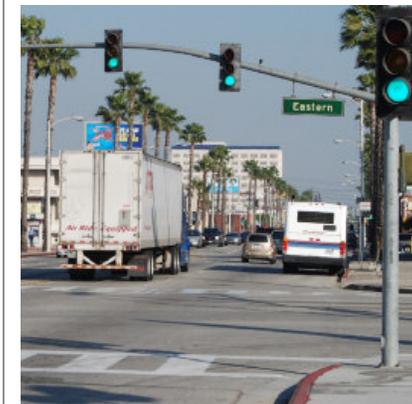


The children's reading room provides parents and kids an space to select one of their favorite books and read together on comfy couches.



The overall feel of the new library is modern and comfortable. The library is currently open with an official grand opening on Saturday, January 24.

Washington Blvd Construction Begins in 2015



Construction on the \$40 million Washington Boulevard Reconstruction Project is scheduled to begin by mid-2015 and is expected to be complete in 2017.

Washington Boulevard serves as the major East-West corridor in the Gateway Cities region, which encompasses 26 member cities, including Commerce. It has great significance regionally, serving as a major access point to and from regional businesses, the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, as well as the Union Pacific Railroad and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railways.

While the project will pose significant challenges, the improvements will improve truck circulation, reduce traffic flow and improve air quality. The improvements include:

- Widening Washington to 3 lanes in each direction.
- ADA compliant sidewalks for pedestrians.
- Attractive, upgraded and energy efficient LED lighting and traffic signals
- Raised medians and water conserving landscaping improvements

Impacts during construction, such as increased traffic congestion are expected to be significant. To offset these impacts to the extent possible and complete the project in a timely manner, there will be work conducted during the day and evenings.

Throughout construction, the City will have a dedicated website where business and community residents can provide feedback to help the City respond to concerns.

The City's goal is to address infrastructure challenges through smart planning and responsible investment to set the stage for improved economic development in Commerce. We ask for your patience as we continue to improve Commerce's base infrastructure.

I want to begin 2015 by reflecting on Commerce's origins on the eve of the City's 55th birthday on January 28th. Once upon a time this 6.2 square mile portion of unincorporated Los Angeles County was blessed with a dedicated band of individuals with a vision for a City with model services funded by strong commercial success.

That dream was realized when Commerce was incorporated as a City in 1960 thanks to the community spirit of these visionaries who wanted to ensure future generations of community and business residents the benefit of unprecedented quality programs and services. One of those urban pioneers is Valentina Bassett, who is the last surviving member of the 1959 Commerce Incorporating Committee. We honor Valentina and all of the founders who played a role in the incorporation of the City of Commerce.

Commerce will celebrate its 55th birthday with a grand opening celebration of the newly renovated Rosewood Park Neighborhood Library. We are excited about this wonderful event that will cap a project that was long overdue and many years in the making.

The new library will feature cutting edge technology with new computers and lightning fast internet access. There will also be designated areas for kids and teens to work in groups or to participate in the Homework Help program. This new facility will be one of the premiere Libraries in the region thanks to the efforts of the Measure AA Committee, which recommended an additional \$450,000 in funding to renovate the building's exterior and to the Commerce City Council for their diligence in bringing this important community project to fruition.

Speaking of Measure AA, last month we reported that the ½ cents sales tax measure passed by Commerce voters in 2012 is generating more than \$6 million a year in revenue, which exceeds the estimate of \$4.5 to 5 million originally projected. This additional revenue is making a dramatic difference in our ability to rebuild Commerce's streets, roads and City facilities, as well as to provide financial support to core services.

We encourage residents and other stakeholders to track the fund allocations and progress of these projects. To make it easy the City Council has established a section of our website accessible via the City's home page at www.ci.commerce.ca.us/. Information available on this page includes an overview of projects, status and funding recommended from the Measure AA Committee.

Commerce residents enrolled in college or who will be attending college this fall are invited to apply for a 2015 City of Commerce Scholarship. Last year the City awarded 54 students scholarships in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5000. Applications will be available starting Jan. 8 online only, via the Commerce Library's website at www.cocpl.org.

Remember City Hall and Libraries will be closed on Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Day and on Jan. 16 in commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. On behalf of the City Council I want to wish everyone a happy and successful 2015 as the City embarks on another twelve months of providing services to the Commerce community.

Sincerely,

Jorge Rifa

Municipal Notes

Be a Part of Your City Government - Be a Poll Worker

Residents are encouraged to serve as poll workers for the City Election on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. Polls open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. Poll workers play a vital role in making democracy work and it's a great way to see your neighbors!

Poll workers are paid \$80 for the day and poll inspectors \$100 and will also be paid to attend a special training session. You can serve as a poll worker if you are a registered voter, and a resident of the State of California. We are especially interested in bringing bilingual poll workers on board.

Please contact the City Clerk's Office at (323) 722-4805 ext. 2342 or email lshumway@ci.commerce.ca.us for information on how you can provide this valuable service on Election Day.

Senior Volunteer Opportunity

The Community Services Department is looking for senior citizen volunteers to help distribute packaged food through the monthly Food Distribution Program offered to income qualified residents and Commerce Seniors through the Social Services Division.

Volunteers must be able to bend, lift more than 15 pounds and stand for extended periods of time and follow specific directions. For more information on this volunteer opportunity please call Social Services Coordinators Ed Saucedo or Moyra Garcia at (323) 887-4460 Monday through Friday between 8 am and 6 pm.

CITY OF COMMERCE COUNCIL ACTIONS

Regular Meeting of November 18, 2014

Honored Human Resources Director Mike Casalou in recognition of his nomination for Risk Manager of the Year by Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

Honored longtime former resident Thomas Griego on being elected as Judge to Office No. 87 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.



Approved a Resolution consenting to an election consolidation with the City of Los Angeles and rescinding Resolution No. 14-118.

Approved the City's water conservation enforcement coordination.

Approved a program supplement administering agency-state agreement for Federal-Aid projects with Caltrans for Washington Boulevard Reconstruction Project.

Approved the sale of city surplus vehicles.

Approved an agreement between the Successor Agency and Nagasaki & Associates for an Appraisal of Property located at 4901-4909 E. Washington Boulevard.

Approved an agreement with Melvin J. Chikato DBA Reliable Snow Service of Action to provide snow service for Snow Day.

Adopted Resolution No. 14-133 authorizing staff to apply for funds made available through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant.

Adopted Resolution No. 14-134 approving Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Funding Agreement Measure R and Proposition C for the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project.

Regular Meeting of December 2, 2014

Presentation on the City's Movember Campaign

Presentation of Certificate Honoring the Commerce Hotel and Casino for their help in making Community Clipper Night a success. Pictured here are Casino Operations Manager John Griffo and Miss Clippers Samantha Juaregui.



Approved a letter of agreement with the Commerce City Employee Association regarding a single incumbent classification change.

Received and Filed a certificate recognizing Antonio Alaniz on the occasion of his retirement from public service.

Adopted a resolution approving the replacement of the gas collection system blower and supplemental appropriation of \$5,290.00 to replace it.

Approved the release of a request for proposals to address air quality issues at the Brenda Villa Aquatic Center and authorize the Public Works and Development Services Department to advertise for proposals.

Adopted a resolution approving revisions to the personnel classification and compensation plan revising the classification specifications for Information Technology Specialist.

Authorized submittal of a grant application for 2015 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for improvements for the 26th Street Metro Link Station.

Approved Resolution approving an agreement with MCWIL Sports Surfaces, Inc. for the repair, refurbishing and resurfacing of basketball courts.

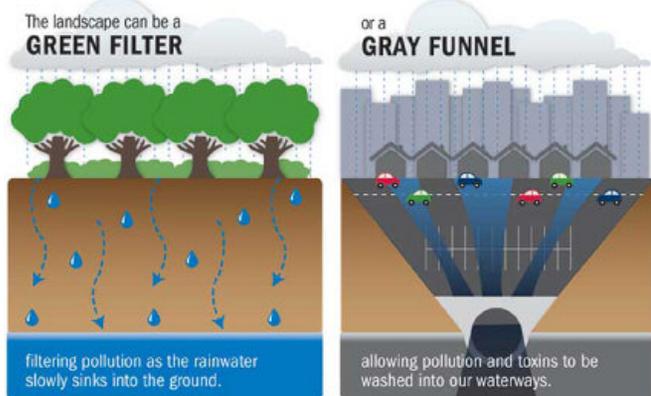
Approve Resolution approving an agreement with Sully-Miller Contracting Company for the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project.

Approved 1st amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Management Joint Powers Authority.

Received and Filed a status update regarding recreational sports fee waiver at Bristow Park.

Received and Filed a report of the consolidation of election precincts for the March 3, 2015 General Municipal Election.

Protect Our Waterways from Pollutants



In December, California received much needed rain in the midst of a three year drought. While the rain was beneficial to Commerce and cities throughout the State, it combined with solid materials and other pollutants called "storm water" or "urban runoff" that gets carried into the storm drains and out to our oceans.

Urban runoff, which is the main source of pollution to California's coast, includes trash, pet waste, fertilizers, herbicides and other pollutants. These pollutants get washed into the system by rain as well as by people overwatering. Used motor oil, automotive fluids like leaking antifreeze, soap from people washing their cars, and even pollutants from worn-down tires all end up in the stormdrain system. This storm water/urban runoff is the main source of pollution to California's coast.

Unlike the soil and vegetation in natural watersheds, most urban areas are covered in impermeable surfaces, such as asphalt or concrete. As a result, instead of rainwater slowly percolating through the ground, getting filtered and cleaned along the way, that water is rushed along streets. Along the way it picks up trash and pollution and flows into stormdrains and out to the ocean, unfiltered.

In much of coastal California, the stormdrain system is different from the sewer. Stormwater is not captured and thoroughly cleaned, like sewage is. The pollutants in urban runoff include sediment, oil and grease, metals and other toxins. All of these can severely impact freshwater and marine habitats. Toxic metals are a major problem in many rivers and bays in the Los Angeles area, threatening public health and killing animals that live there.

Marine life also suffers from contaminated water. Bottom-dwelling fish, like halibut and croaker develop skin lesions, tumors and other problems. Even highly mobile animals, like dolphins, develop skin problems when exposed to concentrated, untreated sewage.

Urban runoff also carries trash directly into our oceans, where animals mistake it for food or get tangled in it. So what can we do to make it better? There are a lot of things we each can do to help:

- Keep trash and chemicals off the streets. That means picking up litter when you see it, even if it's not your own, and avoiding the use of harsh chemicals.
- Properly dispose of Household Hazardous Wastes at roundups in your area. For dates and info visit www.CleanLA.com or call (888) CLEAN LA.
- Make sure your car is in good working order.
- Pick up after your dog. You don't want to swim in its waste the next time you go to the beach!
- Be a community advocate. Report full or clogged stormdrains to your department of public works.

The less water that gets into our stormdrain system, the cleaner our beaches stay. Keep water on your property by not overwatering, and consider investing in rain barrels or other catchment systems. You'll get a solid supply of water for your garden, and you'll be doing your favorite beach a favor too.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The holidays have come to an end and it is time to remove the wonderful smelling, live Christmas tree that has been in our living room for the past few weeks. The National Christmas Tree Association recommends not throwing away real Christmas trees in the trash because they are biodegradable, which means they can be easily reused or recycled for mulch and other purposes.

Commerce residents can recycle their trees by simply placing it in the green-waste container or at the curb on your regular trash day. CalMet will collect Christmas trees throughout the month

of January but residents are reminded to remove all decorations, tinsel, and the stand. Flocked trees cannot be recycled and should be placed in your refuse container for disposal. Never burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove.

The best way to avoid a mess when removing your tree is to place a plastic tree bag (available at hardware stores) underneath and pull the bag up around the tree, stand and all, and carry it outside. Remember to remove the stand. If some needles do scatter inside, it is better to sweep them up as needles can clog vacuum cleaners.

Applications for Vote by Mail Ballots

Any registered voter may vote using a vote-by-mail ballot instead of going to the polls on Election Day, March 3, 2015. Applications for vote by mail for March 2015 election are available at the City Clerk's Office, and also will be included with the Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet. Applications for vote by mail can be submitted to the City Clerk's Office between now and February 24, 2015. Please note, that vote by mail ballots will be mailed out starting February 2, 2015, which is the first legally allowed day to mail vote by mail ballots. Until that time applications will be collected and held in the City Clerk's office.

The City Clerk's Office cannot accept any applications received less than seven days prior to the election, unless you become ill or disabled or for some unforeseen reason will be away from your polling place on Election Day.

Applications for vote by mail ballot may also be distributed by individuals, candidates, committees, organizations or groups. Your application must include your printed name, residence address, address you want the vote by mail ballot sent to (if different from your resident address), your signature and the date.

Your vote by mail ballot will be mailed/provided directly to you by the City Clerk's Office. Ballots will not be given to any individual, organization or group to deliver to you. You must personally return your ballot to the City Clerk's Office by mail or to any polling place on Election Day. When your vote-by-mail ballot is received by the City Clerk, your signature on the return envelope will be compared to the signature on your voter registration card to ensure they match.

If you need an application for a vote by mail ballot, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 323-722-4805, Ext. 2253 or 2342.

REMINDER – VOTER REGISTRATION FOR THE MARCH 3, 2015 ELECTION CLOSES ON FEBRUARY 16, 2015.

In order to vote in the March 3, 2015 Election, residents must submit a Voter Registration application to the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorders Office by February 16, 2015.

Elected Officials Serving Commerce

Last month, several elected officials were sworn in to office. RTPP would like to provide readers with a guide to the officials representing the City of Commerce and how to contact them. For instance, any federal issues such as social security or facilities like the post office should be directed to Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's office.

At the state level, residents have two representatives and they are Senator Tony Mendoza and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia. The California State legislature is divided into two houses, the upper house which is the senate and the lower house which is the assembly. These offices can help you with state issues and agencies such as unemployment and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The City of Commerce is located in the 1st District of the County of Los Angeles which is represented by Supervisor Hilda Solis. This office can be contacted if residents need assistance with birth certificates, death certificates, marriage licenses, county ordinances, the health department and county jail among many of their services and programs.

If you are unsure about who to call, the contact information including website addresses for each office is included for quick reference.

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard,
40th District Capitol Office:
2330 Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC 20515 Ph: 202.225.1766
District Office:
500 Citadel Drive, #320, Commerce, CA 90040
Ph: 323.721.8790 www.roybal-allard.house.gov

Senator Tony Mendoza,
32nd District Capitol Office:
State Capitol, Room 5066,
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900
Ph: 916.651.4032
District Office:
400 N. Montebello Blvd., Suite 100,
Montebello, CA 90640
Ph: 323.890.2790 www.sd32.senate.ca.gov

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia,
58th District Capitol Office:
PO Box 942849,
Sacramento, CA 94249-0058
Ph: 916.319.2058
District Office:
8255 Firestone Blvd., Suite 203,
Downey, CA 90241
Ph: 562.861.5803 www.asmdc.org/members/a58

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Hilda Solis, District 1
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street, Room 856,
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Ph: 213.974.4111
East Los Angeles Field Office:
4801 East Third Street, Los Angeles, CA 90022
Ph: 323.881.4601 www.hildasolis.org

Newly-elected officials also serving the City of Commerce are:
Sheriff Jim McDonnell,
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Assessor Jeffrey Prang,
Los Angeles County Assessor's Office



Measure AA Project Update

Measure AA also known as the ½ Cent Sales Tax, has surpassed projections of \$4.5 to \$5 million by generating revenue at an estimated rate of \$6.6 million annually designated to be spent on streets, roads, city facilities and other infrastructure.

A response to the elimination of redevelopment, which cost the City over \$2 million in annual funding, Measure AA was passed by a majority of Commerce voters with nearly 70% support.

The unanticipated availability of \$1.5 million in additional infrastructure funds will help speed improvements throughout Commerce. Although many of these projects are still in the early stages they are moving forward. The projects include the construction of new sidewalks, repair of existing sidewalks and planting of new trees, and the enhanced maintenance of our facilities. Collectively, these projects will make Commerce safer and more walkable for commuters and pedestrians.

Of the 45 projects initially recommended by the Measure AA Committee and approved by the City Council many are in the planning stage or underway. They include:

- AA\$** •The Slason Avenue Sidewalk Improvement and Tree Reforestation Project.
- AA\$** •Resurfacing of Eastern Avenue.
- AA\$** •Implementation of a Citywide Pavement Management Plan.
- AA\$** •The Central Library Renovation and Facade Improvement
- AA\$** •Facility improvements to the Senior Center and Bristow Park that include ADA enhancements and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) unit

For the most up to date information on Measure AA including project status, meeting dates and time and more visit the City website home page at www.ci.commerce.ca.us/ and click on the Measure AA link under the "Popular Links."

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LIBRARY NEWS



2015 Commerce Scholarship Applications

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Last year the City awarded 54 students scholarships in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5000. Applications will be available starting Jan. 8 online only, via the Commerce Library's website at www.cocpl.org.

PACE Program Provides Free School Project Supplies

With everyone back to work and school after the holiday break, we wanted to remind parents and students that the new

PACE Program is available to help students on projects by providing free equipment, tools and materials like paper cutting machines and tri-fold poster board at Commerce Libraries.

The new Project and Collaborative Education (PACE) Program also gives students access to other project staples like scissors, crayons, markers, glue and more. The program is funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to provide a substantial benefit to students and parents by transforming the Library into a project hub.

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

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.

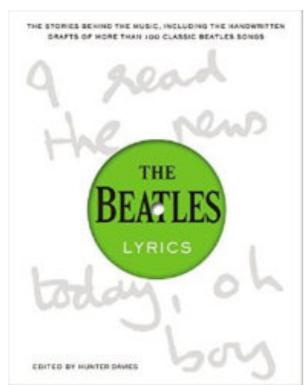


My Teacher Is a Monster

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



We have a Plan



The Beatles Lyrics

5K TURKEY TROT HIGHLIGHTS



The 2014 Turkey Trot drew close to 500 participants who ran or walked the 5 Kilometer (approximately 3.2 miles) course in the Rosewood Park Neighborhood of the City of Commerce.

This year's top runners were Yaritza Lopez the first place finisher in the female division who finished with a time of 22 minutes and 21 seconds and Francisco Sandoval the first place finisher in the male division with a time of 17 minutes and 43 seconds.

Congrats also to our oldest male runner, 80-year-old Raymond Torres and oldest female runner, 75-year-old Martha Torres, who also happened to finish in second place in the female 71 and older Division.

This annual event serves as a fun experience for children, adults and families, as well as amateur runners who utilize it as an opportunity to tune up or get in shape for competitive runs held in the fall.

BETTER 4 YOU MEALS WELCOMED TO COMMERCE



Miss Commerce Denize Rodriguez with Better 4 You Meals staff at their grand opening celebration.

In November, members of the City Council and a representative of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's office welcomed California food service provider Better For You Meals to the City of Commerce.

Established in 2011, Better 4 You Meals' goal is to provide every student they serve with healthy, fresh and delicious meals. In fact, Better 4 You Meals has close to 300 employees that currently work to deliver and serve over 40,000 meals daily to students in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, particularly in charter schools that tend to lack cafeteria facilities. "Our new facility in Commerce helps us maintain our commitment to providing fresh and healthy meals to school children,"

said Fernando Castillo, CEO of Better 4 You Meals. "Our goal is to provide nutritious meals to children and adults. By expanding our footprint and production with this facility, we can continue to grow and expand our offerings to new groups and organizations."

In addition to providing meals to the students they serve, Better 4 You Meals works closely with schools to maximize credits and food resources they receive from the Federal Government. According to Castillo, Better 4 You Meals plans to expand their service to 60,000 to 80,000 meals served per day. Commerce is proud to welcome Better 4 You Meals to the City of Commerce.

SMALL CITY HAS BIG IMPACT ON MEN'S HEALTH



Members of the Commerce Mo Betta Bros are pictured with Dennise Silva of Assemblymember Cristina Garcia's Office.

The City of Commerce proclaimed November as "Movember" which is a global campaign encouraging men to grow a moustache to raise funds and awareness about men's health in particular prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health. The "Commerce Mo Betta Bros" celebrated the success of their month long campaign at a "Grand Shave Off". The initial fundraising goal of \$500 was smashed and the team raised \$5,519.33.

For their efforts, the team members were treated to a traditional hot towel/straight razor shave by professional barbers from the Cream Shop Barbershop in Montebello. There was also a contest for the best moustache grown among the team members and for the highest fundraiser. Designer Fragrance and Cosmetics located at the Citadel and Johnny B. Hair Care also located in Commerce donated men's gift bags for the two winners.

Atlantic Styling Center located on Atlantic Boulevard in Commerce donated the salon chairs needed for the shaves.

Representatives from Senator Tony Mendoza's office and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia's office were on hand to present certificates to team members and event sponsors. At the event, team leaders expressed their sincere appreciation for the generous donations that will help fund vital programs and research in men's health. They also shared the personal stories friends, family and community members have shared and how their participation has inspired those around them.

For more information on the Movember campaign, visit www.movemberfoundation.com.

Be Part of a Royal Tradition



The Miss Commerce Pageant and introduction of Young Man of the Year 2015 will take place on Saturday, March 14 at the Commerce Hotel and Casino. Residents ages 16-21 may submit an application for Miss Commerce or Young Man of Year beginning January 2 through January 30, 2015. Twenty applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The Pageant Steering Committee Scholarship Award will also be given that evening. The Commerce Hotel and Casino provides the funds for the \$500 scholarship and the committee selects an individual based on academic and leadership abilities as well as a 200 word essay. The winning essay will be read on stage but does not guarantee a place on the Royal Court. For a complete list of the official rules and regulations, pick up an application at City Hall or call 323-722.4805 ext. 2222.



The Gallery



TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



Miss Commerce Denize Rodriguez and the Royal Court at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. From l. to r. are Miss Fourth of July Natalie Melendez, Miss Dodgers/Miss Friendship Chloe Romero, Frosty the Snowman, Santa, Miss Commerce, Miss Clippers Samantha Juaregui and Miss Cinco de Mayo Mariah Pino.

HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE



Master of Ceremonies Adolfo Marquez with one of the City's youth dance teams enjoying the Tree Lighting Ceremony held in front of City Hall.

RUN FOR FUN



These teens enjoy themselves early in the Turkey Trot 5K run.

CRUSH VOLLEYBALL TEAM RUNS



The Commerce CRUSH Volleyball Team ran as a group in the Turkey Trot. They are pictured here with City staff member Oralia Rebollo, CRUSH Coaches Jorge Ortiz and Vicky Larios and Montebello Unified School District Board Member Lani Cupchoy.

WHO'S WHO OF DR. WHO



Participants in Dr. Who Fest 2014 pose for a photo in front of a replica of the famous "Police Box" from the show.

COMMERCE EMPLOYEES BRIGHTENING THE HOLIDAYS



Commerce Employees AFSCME Local Union 773 Hosted their Annual Children's Holiday Party at the Commerce Senior Center to brighten the holidays for Commerce families.



COMMERCE CALENDAR JANUARY 2015

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

February 2015

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SAVE THE DATE

**Rosewood Neighborhood Library
Ribbon Cutting and
55th Birthday Celebration**

Jan. 24 from 10 am to 1 pm

5655 Jillson Street

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New Year's Day
City Hall & Libraries
Closed

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

Youth Advisory
Commission 7 p.m.

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



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Senior Citizens
Commission 12:30 p.m.

Video Game Event
Bristow Library 4 p.m.

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Community Services
Commission 6 p.m.

Parks & Recreation
Commission 6 p.m.

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Royal Tea Party
Bandini Park

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Education Commission
6 p.m.

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Measure AA Committee
6 p.m.

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Video Game Event
Veterans Library 4 p.m.

Task Force Committee
3 p.m.

Traffic Commission
6:30 p.m.

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ESL Conversation Classes
Commerce READs Center
6 p.m.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day
City Hall & Libraries
Closed

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



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Video Game Event
Bandini Library
4 p.m.

ESL Conversation Classes
Commerce READs Center
6 p.m.

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Grand Re-Opening
Rosewood Library
10 a.m.

City Birthday Celebration
Rosewood Park

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Library Commission
6 p.m.

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

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Teen Book Club
Rosewood Park Main Library
2 p.m.

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55th Birthday
City Incorporation

Video Game Event
Rosewood Library 4 p.m.

ESL Conversation Classes
Commerce READs Center
6 p.m.

Planning Commission
6:30 p.m.

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Application Deadline
Miss Commerce/YMOY
6 p.m.

January 30-Feb 1
Crafters Weekend
Camp Commerce

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COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL



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

Important Phone Numbers

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

2535 Commerce Way · Commerce, CA 90040

Residential Customer



Community Services Officers respond to non-emergent incidents in the City. Residents are encouraged to direct all non-animal control related public safety calls to the ELA Sheriff's Station at (323) 264-4151.

To speed response times and improve effectiveness of public safety personnel, the City of Commerce and contracted law enforcement service provider the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department are utilizing new technology and communications practices to enhance services.

"All City public safety vehicles are now equipped with new Mobile Digital Computers. These MDCs allow Sheriff's Deputies and City Community Services Officers to speed communications and make it easier for public safety personnel to access important information in the field," said Commerce's Dedicated Sergeant Ray Lam of the new devices that feature touch screen technology, GPS mapping and faster processors.

"We are leading the contract cities (Cities that contract with the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services) in the implementation of this innovative technology on a large scale. It definitely brings Commerce into the 21st Century," said Commerce Director of Safety and Community Services Matt Rodriguez. "These new devices also let us know where vehicles are at all times, which helps ensure the safety of public safety personnel while increasing accountability."

Residents are encouraged to direct all calls for non-animal control

public safety issues, including parking, to the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station at (323) 264-4151. By calling the Sheriff's Department the public will receive the fastest possible response times to address urgent public safety concerns. For animal control issues see the important phone numbers section on the upper left hand corner of this page. In an emergency always call 911.



Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies from the East Los Angeles Station serving the City of Commerce.

Commerce City Channel 3
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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 8 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 "Water Conservation"

Mondays at 12 p.m., Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 4 p.m., Thursdays at 3 p.m., Fridays at 9 a.m., Saturdays at 6 p.m., Sundays at 8 p.m.

Port of Long Beach

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

Vintage Vehicle Show - Shows include:

The Vintage Vehicle Show
 "Issaquah Tri-5 Chevy Show" Tuesdays at 3 p.m.
 The Vintage Vehicle Show
 "Run to the Sun Cruise Night" Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
 The Vintage Vehicle Show
 "Bob Funari Collection" Thursdays at 8 a.m.
 The Vintage Vehicle Show
 "Shoreline Classic Car Show" Saturdays at 8 a.m.

California's Water 'Climate Change'

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.