



# Report to the People

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Commerce teens explore the rugged terrain of the Anza Borrego Desert. Trips like this one and many others are available for residents of all ages.

## Residents Explore the Great Outdoors

The City of Commerce offers its residents outstanding programs and services at little or no cost. One of the most exciting programs is for young adults ages 11-17. The Teen Center Adventure Club schedules monthly excursions to fun and educational locations.

Recently, the club visited Anza Borrego State Park which is the largest National State Park in the Western United States located within the Colorado Desert in San Diego County. The group of 28 youth, visited the Slot Canyons and took in the beautiful desert landscape. They all said it was challenging, exciting and a great learning experience.

The Teen Center Adventure Club meets on the first and third Friday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at the Teen Center. Most excursions are free but there may be a nominal charge for some locations. To offset costs, the group holds occasional fundraisers. Activities include hiking, kayaking, camping and exploring other hidden gems of Southern California.

The City also has excursions for seniors. On Thursday, February 5 a group will visit the Hollywood Wax Museum and take photos with their favorite "celebrities" from different genres and decades. And in March, seniors can take a walk down memory lane to Clifton's Cafeteria. Seniors are encouraged to reminisce while sipping on a drink from the historic soda fountain or selecting from a variety of traditional meals that are a staple of the Los Angeles landmark. As a reminder, the Senior Center's annual Valentine's Day Dance is on Friday, February 13th. Residents will enjoy a day of great music, food and plenty of people to mingle with.

For details about these programs and more, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (323) 887-4434.



Teens explore the desert landscape and mild terrain of Anza Borrego.



The benefit of excursions is to provide residents an opportunity to travel and explore new destinations.

## New Assembly Bill Provides Licenses for Undocumented Residents



As of January 2015, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) implemented Assembly Bill 60 (AB 60) – the new law requiring the DMV to issue an original driver's license to an applicant who is unable to submit satisfactory proof of legal presence in the United States. Driver's license applicants under AB 60 must meet all other qualifications for licensure and must provide satisfactory proof of identity and California residency.

According to the DMV, an estimated 46,200 people applied for the licenses in the first three days the law went into effect. The DMV issued nearly 1,000 driver's licenses on the first day alone. The 970 applicants that were seen the first day had their driving test waived because most were renewing a driver's license issued before California's 1993 law mandating that immigrants prove legal status, or had acquired one in another state.

The DMV has a helpful AB60 information webpage at [ab60.dmv.ca.gov](http://ab60.dmv.ca.gov), containing a complete list of acceptable documents that can be used to verify identity and residency, a copy of the driver's handbook, sample knowledge tests, appointment information, and other helpful materials.

Anyone applying for a first time driver's license is required to make an appointment, unless they plan on visiting one of the four temporary Driver's License Processing Centers where walk-in traffic is accepted.

Online appointments can be scheduled as far as 90 days in advance at [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov) or by calling (800) 777-0133. Residents may also call Assemblymember Cristina Garcia's office for additional assistance at (562) 861-5803.

## FROM THE DESK OF JORGE RIFA CITY ADMINISTRATOR

I hope everyone is off to a great start for 2015. We were fortunate enough to start the year with the celebration of the City's 55th Birthday on Saturday, January 24th in conjunction with the grand opening of the newly renovated Rosewood Main Library.

As you may know, the City was incorporated by folks living in the area that wanted a better quality of life for their community. They wanted improved green space and services such as well-manicured baseball fields and an actual building for a Library instead of the bookmobile then offered to residents by Los Angeles County.

With their leadership and the vote of the people who lived here, the City incorporated in 1960 and set out to build the kinds of facilities, programs and services they desired, including the Central Library, which first opened in September of 1964. The Library went unchanged for just over 50 years until this renovation, which is why inviting everyone into this new state-of-the-art Library was a fitting way to celebrate the City's birthday. I want to thank everyone that came to celebrate with us.

Speaking of our new Library, we'll be using it to host a "Meet the Author" event featuring award winning writer John Corey Whaley who has written two young adult books: "Where Things Come Back" and "Noggin." Whaley's work has earned him the esteemed annual Printz Award as well as the Young Adult Library Services Association's award for new authors. That Commerce was able to bring an author of this caliber to our community is a testament to the excellence of staff and the dedication of the City Council to bring residents great programs and services.

As a community that embraces diversity and equality, Commerce is proud to celebrate African-American History Month. Observed throughout the country, this special month is held to honor and remember important people and events in the history of African Americans, such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement. See page 4 for book recommendations selected by the Commerce Library's professional staff to coincide with this month of celebration, which serves as a cultural touchstone for our Nation.

We also want to let you know that the City Clerk's Office is recruiting registered voters to serve as poll workers for the upcoming March 3 City Election. Poll workers will receive \$80 for the day while poll inspectors will receive \$100 for the day, as well as compensation to attend a mandatory training session. For more information, see page 3 in this issue of RTTP.

Remember that City Hall and Commerce Libraries will be closed on February 11 in observance of President Lincoln's birthday and on February 16 in honor of President Washington's birthday. Have a wonderful February and a happy Valentine's Day.

Sincerely,

*Jorge Rifa*

## Municipal Notes

### *City Paves the Way for Commerce's First "Net Zero" Commercial Property*



With the passage of a resolution at the January 6 Council Meeting, commercial property owners in the City will be allowed to participate in the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing program. The first taker is the Electrical Training Institute (ETI) located in Commerce who plan to upgrade their building to become the City's first "Net Zero Plus" facility.

A Net Zero Plus building generates more energy than it uses through energy-efficient practices, new clean-energy technologies and improved grid resiliency. That it will be done at the newly expanded ETI, which is a national center of excellence in energy technology and training, is significant.

"The electrical industry is currently undergoing a revolution due to improved energy-efficiency practices, integration of renewable energy on the grid, and developing clean technologies. Net Zero Plus is at the center of this revolution and will transform the way buildings use, produce, store, and sell energy," said James Willson, Executive Director of the Los Angeles National Electrical Contractors Association, which oversees the facility and training provided in conjunction with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11.

Once complete the ETI will be the country's largest NZP commercial retrofit at 142,000 square feet with the ability to generate more energy than its annual demand of nearly 1 megawatt (MW) and will feature largely American-made products and technologies. The project represents a win for the community by promoting economic development and mitigating environmental impacts concurrent with the Commerce Green Zones Policy passed in 2013.

### *Council Approves Salary Increase*

The Commerce City Council approved their first pay raise since 2007 at the January 6 meeting, increasing their monthly salary from \$1,062.55 per month to \$1,434.44 per month for an additional \$371.89.

The decision was approved on the second reading in accordance with Government Code 36516.5. According to the staff report, the increase is effective 30 days from the date of approval.

## CITY OF COMMERCE COUNCIL ACTIONS

### Regular Meeting of January 6

**Approved** an agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. to upgrade the security access control system for the Transit Maintenance Facility in the amount of \$58,830.

**Approved** change order No. 8 in the amount of \$35,000 to MTM Construction Inc. to perform work in the Council Chamber Lobby.

**Approved** the seventh amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for Design and Engineering Services with RBF Consulting (RBF) for the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project and extending the agreement term.

**Directed** staff to seek a consultant to evaluate possible scope and cost of unforeseen remediation needed at 6300

Telegraph Road in connection with the Purchase and Sale Agreement approved by the Successor Agency on December 9, 2014.

### Regular Meeting of December 16, 2014

**Authorized** staff to execute documents for the purpose of obtaining assistance from the California Emergency Management Agency.

**Received** and filed a report on the Library Services Department's use of donated funds.

**Approved** a venue change for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration from Bristow Park to Rosewood Park.

# 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 could 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 differ-

ent 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 CLOSSES ON FEBRUARY 16, 2015.**

In order to vote in the March 3, 2015 Election, resident must submit their voter registration application to the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorders Office by February 16, 2015.

# POLLING PLACE CHANGES

## FOR THE MARCH 3, 2015 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

All registered voters are encouraged to review their Official Sample Ballot before going to vote on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

The location of your polling place is shown on the back cover of your Official Sample Ballot and could have changed from the last election.

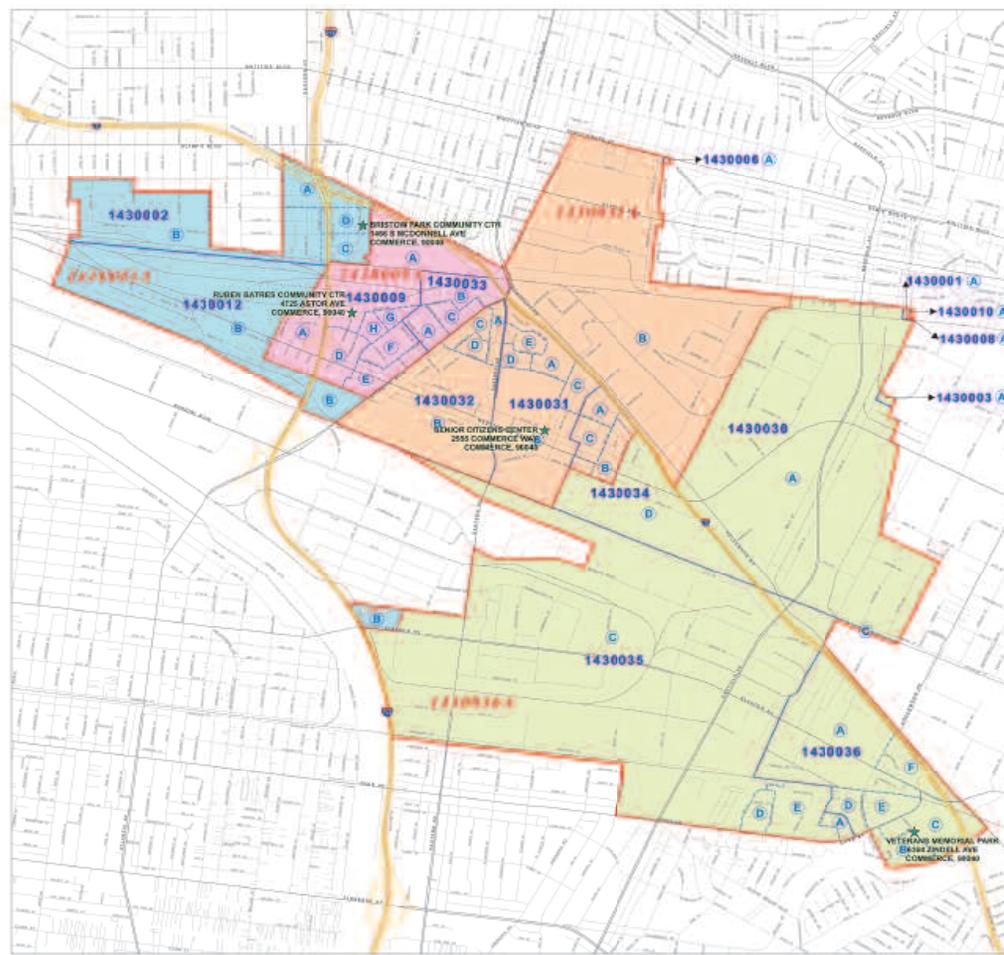
**The City of Commerce established four polling places for March 3, 2015 General Municipal Election:**

- Bristow Park Community Center  
1466 S. McDonnell Avenue

- Veterans Memorial Park Community Center  
6364 Zindell Avenue
- Ruben C. Batres Community Center  
4725 Astor Avenue
- Senior Citizens Center  
2555 Commerce Way

**To find your Polling Place:**

- See the back cover of your official Sample Ballot
- Call the Office of the City Clerk at 323-722-4805
- Call the L.A. County registrar-recorder at 562-466-1310
- Visit Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder Office Election Division website - <https://lavote.net/Locator/>



# Join Assembly-member Cristina Garcia



## Assembly District 58 Community Swearing In Celebration

All community members are welcome to join the festivities, which include free food and music to celebrate the 58th District's rich culture and diversity.

### Special Guest:

Betty Yee,  
California State Controller

### Saturday, Feb. 21

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Columbia Memorial Space Center  
12400 Columbia Way  
Downey, CA 90242

### RSVP Encouraged

Please contact Dennise Silva to RSVP or for more information at (562) 861-5803 or [silva@asm.ca.gov](mailto:silva@asm.ca.gov)

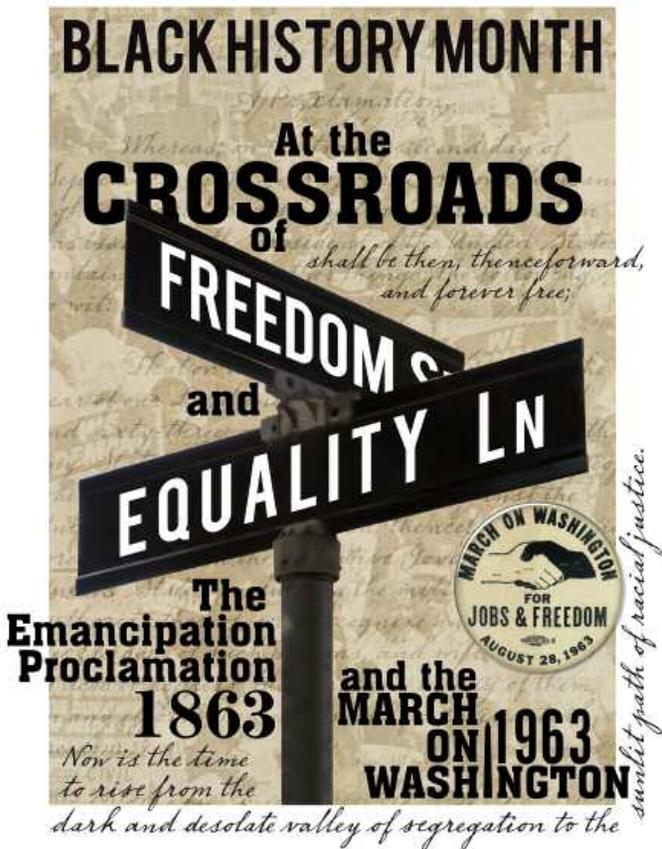
# Be a Part of City Government, Be a Poll Worker

Residents are encouraged to serve as poll workers for the City's Election Day 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 also a great way to see your neighbors.

Poll workers are paid \$80 for the day and poll inspectors \$100. Poll inspectors 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. Bilingual poll are workers are highly desirable.

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



## February Celebrates Contributions of African-Americans

The son of former slaves, Dr. Carter G. Woodson initiated the celebration of Black history week in 1926 to correspond with the birthdays of Fredrick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Dr. Woodson, who did not begin his formal education until he was nearly 20 years of age, strived to preserve and promote African-American life, history and culture. Today, Black History Month is not only observed in the United States but in Canada and the United Kingdom.

In 1976 as part of the United States Bicentennial, the celebration was expanded to include the entire month of February and was officially recognized by the United States Government. President Gerald Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Currently in movie theaters is Golden Globe Winner "Selma." This film is a historical drama about the civil rights movement in Selma, Alabama and the struggle in the passing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Residents are also encouraged to visit their local branch library where staff can help suggest books written about the significant impacts African-Americans have had in American history.

## RENOVATED COMMERCE READS CENTER OFFERS STUDENT AND ADULT TUTORING

The Commerce READs Center has resumed normal operating hours to serve the public Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The newly renovated Commerce READs Center has a classroom, two private study rooms for adult learners, new tables and chairs and all new media equipment, including a flat screen TV and surround sound system.

While the Commerce READs Center serves people of all ages, one of the most popular programs is Commerce Kids Read, which is for children 7-12 years-of-age that need help improving their reading and comprehension skills.

One-on-One Tutoring sessions are also offered for students

that have an Individual Education Plan.

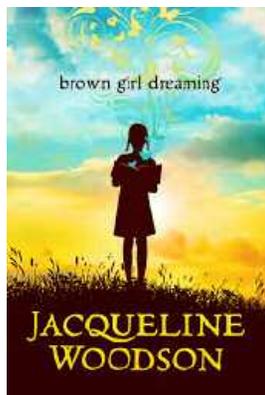
The Commerce READs Center also offers adult tutoring year around. This valuable service can help adults achieve their educational goals, become a greater asset in the workplace or give them the ability to read to their children.

Finally, English as a Second Language Conversation Classes started in January to help Spanish speakers improve their ability to have everyday conversations in English.

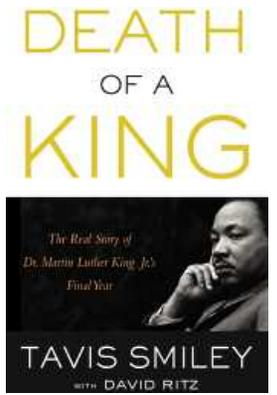
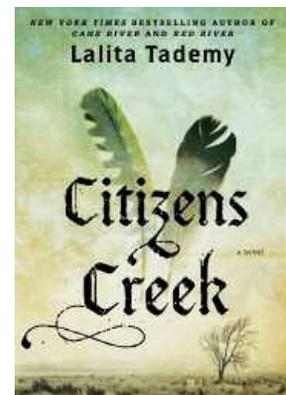
For people interested in giving someone the gift of reading the Commerce READs Program offers free tutor training throughout the year. Please keep in mind that all programs currently have a waiting list. If you have any questions please contact the Commerce READs Center at (323) 722-7323

## BOOKS AT THE COMMERCE LIBRARY

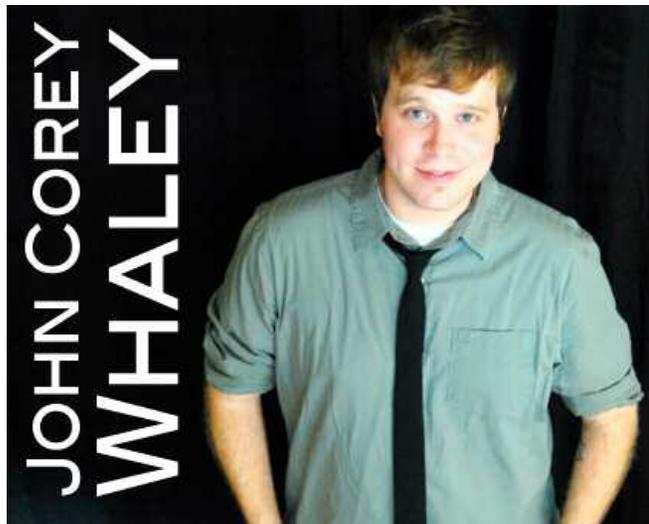
Below are reading suggestions from Commerce Public Library staff selected in honor of Black History Month.



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



## A VISIT WITH AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

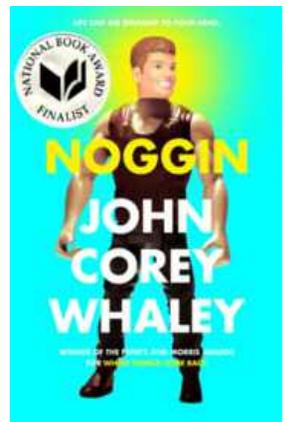
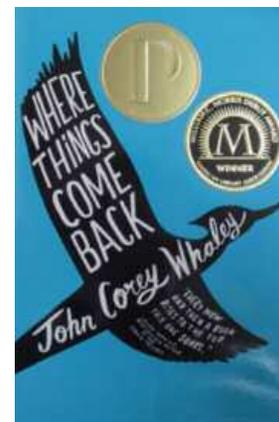


John Corey Whaley is the author of two popular young adult books titled Where Things Come Back and Noggin. Join us as we learn about his writing and travels. There will also be an opportunity to get your books autographed! The library will have copies available for purchase or readers may bring their own. Director of Library Services Beatriz hopes Wha-

ley's visit will be one of many more to come. "Hosting authors in the library is a great way to bring a book to life. Readers gain insight about the story, its author and most importantly, it reminds us that we each have a story to tell," said Sarmiento.

Whaley is scheduled to appear on February 21 at 11 a.m. in the Commerce Council Chambers.

For more information, please call (323) 722-6660 or visit: [teens.cocpl.org](http://teens.cocpl.org).



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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE

The City of Commerce Scholarship program is open to residents who have lived in the City of Commerce for at least one year. If you are planning to attend college for the first time or are re-entering college you are eligible because there is no age limit to apply! You must be attending college as a full-time student if you are an undergrad pursuing a bachelor's degree.

### Commerce Scholarship Requirements:

- Must be a Commerce resident for a minimum of one year.

- Must be attending an accredited college or university as a full-time student.
- Must present proof of university acceptance.
- Must have a GPA (grade point average) of 2.0 if attending a community college or 2.5 if attending a four-year university.

The application is available online at [www.cocpl.org](http://www.cocpl.org) or [www.ci.commerce.ca.us](http://www.ci.commerce.ca.us). Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

## SKILLED ATHLETES MEET AT VETS PARK IN MARCH



Commerce Boxing has one of the top-ranked programs in the region. Athletes from all over So Cal compete at the City's Boxing Show.

The City of Commerce will host its annual Boxing Show on March 1, at Veterans Memorial Park inside the gymnasium. Weigh-in begins at 9:00 am and the first bout will take place at 1:00 p.m. Staff is expecting as many as 18 matches pairing boxers by experience and skill level.

Last year, participants came from as far as Chino Hills, Hesperia and Hemet. "Our Boxing Show is one of the premiere amateur boxing events in the Southland," said Frank Garcia, Sports Coordinator. "We are very proud to showcase an impressive roster of boxers from all over the region and we encourage residents to come out and enjoy these skilled competitions."

Commerce has an award-winning boxing program that has

produced Olympic-caliber athletes. The program is designed to assist participants 8-19 years of age, in developing self confidence, self control, self discipline, boxing skills and physical condition.

Boxers meet Monday through Thursday from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Bristow Park. Each session costs \$8 per child with a valid Commerce resident card and lasts for three months. To find out more information about the program or when the next session begins, call Alfonso Marquez or Andres Silva at (323) 263-2688. For details about the upcoming Boxing Show, call the Parks and Recreation Sports Office at (323) 887-4432.

## BOXER PAULINE VIESCA WINS NATIONAL TITLE



Olympic hopeful, Pauline Viesca is a rising star in USA Boxing.

Commerce "Golden Girl" Pauline Viesca was awarded a gold medal for winning the Junior Open National title in the light bantamweight division (114 lbs.) at USA Boxing's third annual Junior Open and Youth National Championships held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada in January.

"It feels awesome to know I'm a national champ at the next level and that I'm on a path to the Olympics," said Pauline who defeated Romalin Martinez of Houston, Texas for the title.

Pauline who has been boxing for commerce for five years won the USA Boxing Regional and State Championships in 2013 for the 12-13 year girls division and the Junior Olympics in 2014. "The JO's were fun and exciting but this win seems a little bit better."

A hard worker in the gym, Viesca was well prepared for her title bout. "I worked out twice a day for cardio and strength, dieted and sparred as much as possible to get ready for this tournament. I'm happy the hard work paid off."

Pauline was one of 37 young boxers to win a national title joining some of the other top young fighters in the State which included Heaven Garcia (El Monte), Jesse Rodriguez (Adelanto), Marc Castro (Fresno), Gabriel Flores (Stockton), Lupe Gutierrez (Sacramento), Kylie Hall (Clovis), Brandun Lee (Coachella), Destiny Navarro (El Centro), Richard Torrez (Tulare), Kristyn Juarez (Los Angeles) and Jajaira Gonzalez (Glendora).

The City of Commerce would like to congratulate Pauline on this singular achievement and we look forward to seeing her compete in the future as part of the Commerce Boxing Program and beyond.

## Commerce Golf Association 2015 Schedule

### Monthly Golf Tournament

Adults only, must provide your own clubs. Transportation provided for most tournaments. Registrations for tournaments are located at the City of Commerce Sports Office. All sign ups start at 10:00 a.m. on scheduled sign up dates. Spaces are Limited. **(first come first serve)**

### Dos Lagos Golf Course

February 7, 2015  
First Tee: 9:00 a.m. Registration: 1/11/15 Cost: \$64

### San Clemente Golf Course

March 7, 2015  
San Clemente, Ca  
First Tee: 10: a.m. Registration: 2/9/15 Cost: \$67

### Eastlake Country Club

April 4, 2015  
Chula Vista, Ca  
First Tee: 9:00 a.m. Registration: 3/9/15 Cost: \$59

### Vellano Country Club

May 9, 2015  
Chino Hills, Ca  
First Tee: 10:00 a.m. Registration: 4/6/15 Cost: \$79

### Sierra Vista Golf Course

June 13, 2015  
Palmdale, Ca  
First Tee: 9:00 a.m. Registration: 5/11/15 Cost: \$65

### Olivas Link Golf Course

July 11, 2015  
Ventura, Ca  
First Tee: 10:00 a.m. Registration: 6/15/15 Cost: \$75

### Santa Barbara Golf Course

August 8, 2015  
Santa Barbara, Ca  
First Tee: 10:00 a.m. Registration: 7/13/15 Cost: \$63

### Golf Club of California

September 12, 2015  
Fallbrook, Ca  
First Tee: 10:00 a.m. Registration: 8/11/15 Cost: \$79

### October Golf Weekender

T.B.A.

### Temecula Creek Inn Golf Course

November 7, 2015  
Temecula, Ca  
First Tee: 9:00 a.m. Registration: 10/12/15 Cost: \$70

### Escena Golf Course

December 5, 2015  
Palm Springs, Ca  
First Tee: 9:00 a.m. Registration: 11/9/15 Cost: \$74

### All prices are subject to change

The City of Commerce is not responsible for any injuries, loss of any personal property or damages by said players. To be placed on golf mailing list please contact Sports Office at (323) 887-4432.

# The Gallery



## CONGRESSWOMAN'S VISIT



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40) greeted approximately 150 Commerce seniors during their holiday luncheon at the Commerce Senior Center in December. While there she gave away House of Representatives' 2015 calendar to attendees.

## DEDICATED EMPLOYEES



Members of the Commerce Public Works and Development Services Department, Planning, Building and Safety and Code Enforcement Divisions. From l. to r. are Code Enforcement Officer Jorge Torres, Assistant Planner Sonia Griego, Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Vivero, Public Works and Development Services Director Maryam Babaki, Senior Permit Tech Check Domi Melendez, Community Development Assistant Viviana Esparza and Deputy Director of Development Services Matt Marquez.

## CAL WATER DROUGHT TOLERANT DEMO GARDEN



Miss Commerce Denize Rodriguez (right) and Cal Water staff were on hand to unveil the new drought-tolerant demonstration garden at its Customer Center in Commerce at 2000 South Tubeway. Cal Water offers free water-efficient landscaping classes to customers. For info, call (323) 722-8601.

## MUSD/COLLEGE BOUND TODAY ALUMNI SHARE COLLEGE EXPERIENCES



Alumni of the Montebello Unified School District and College Bound Today Mentoring Program talked to students about their college experiences at universities across the Country at Montebello High School. Current CBT participants in attendance were from Bell Gardens, Montebello, Schurr and the Applied Technology Center. The CBT program is for college bound students in the MUSD.

## STORYTIME



Children's Librarian Cynthia Bautista reads to a group of children at the Bandini Neighborhood Library. For more information call your local library.

## PATRON APPRECIATION NIGHT



The Bandini Neighborhood Library hosted Patron Appreciation Night in January, which included reading and conversation while patrons enjoyed snacks and warm champurrado.



# COMMERCE CALENDAR

# FEBRUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 English Book Club Transportation Conf. Rm. 6 p.m.	3 Teen Book Club Bandini Library 4 p.m. <b>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</b> 	4 Teen Video Game Event Bristow Library 4 p.m.  Senior Citizens Commission 12:30 p.m.	5 Parks & Recreation Commission 6 p.m.	6 Teen Art Night Signup Deadline Veterans Library 4 p.m.	7 "Sing me your folk songs and I'll tell you about the character, customs and history of your people." <b>Paul Robeson</b>
8 "You are not judged by the height you have risen, but from the depth you have climbed." <b>Fredrick Dou- glass</b>	9 Education Commission 6 p.m.  Measure AA Committee 6 p.m.	10 Teen Book Club Bristow Library 4 p.m.	11 Task Force Committee 3 p.m.  Teen Video Game Event Veterans Library 4 p.m.  Community Services Commission 6 p.m.	12 <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b> <b>City Hall &amp; Libraries Closed</b>	13	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>
15	16 <b>Washington's Birthday Observed</b> <b>City Hall &amp; Libraries Closed</b>  Voter Registration Closes	17 Teen Book Club Veterans Library 4 p.m. <b>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</b> 	18 Teen Video Game Event Bandini Library 4 p.m.	19 "There is in this world no such force as the force of a person determined to rise." <b>W.E.B. DuBois</b>	20 Family Game Night #1 Veterans Park 6:30-8:30 p.m.	21 Meet Author John Corey Whaley Council Chambers 11 a.m.
22	23 Library Commission 6 p.m.	24 "Hope is the bedrock of our nation." <b>Presi- dent Barack Obama</b>	25 Teen Video Game Event Rosewood Library 4 p.m.	26 Spanish Reading Club Rosewood Library 6 p.m.	27	28 Queen's Breakfast
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 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	<b>Emergency 911</b>
M-F 8 am to 6 pm (323) 887-4460	<a href="http://www.ci.commerce.ca.us">www.ci.commerce.ca.us</a>
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**T**he Commerce resident activity card is your passport to adventure all year long! Whether it's for kids, teens, active adults, seniors or the whole family, your Commerce resident card gives you tons of fun things to do.

For preteens and teens there are trips to exciting places. They include the Annza Borego Desert, the mountains and different Southern California beaches, along with lots of other destinations. Trip are going on every month at the Teen Center. For more info call (323) 264-4665.

There are also local family events like Family Game Night #1 on February 20 at Veterans Park. For more information call (562) 927-1515.

Active adults can look forward to a trip to Old Town San Diego, Sea Port Village and Balboa Park on April 25. For more information, call Parks and Recreation at (323) 887-4434.

For adults who enjoy golf, the Commerce Golf Association has a monthly golf trip (see the calendar on page 5). For more information call the Sports Office at (323) 887-4432.

For seniors, there are trips to the historic Clifton's Cafeteria in March and the Japanese Friendship Garden in April. For more information, call the Senior Center at (323) 887-4430.

There are also trips for every age group to Camp Commerce in the San Bernardino Mountains, clubs for teens and seniors and community education classes on diverse subjects like dance, arts and crafts, scrap booking, baking and cooking. For more information on any of these programs or services call Parks and Recreation at (323) 887-4434, visit the City's website at [www.ci.commerce.ca.us](http://www.ci.commerce.ca.us) or pick up the Winter/Spring 2015 Parks and Recreation Brochure at City Hall.

A resident card can be obtained by visiting the Brenda Villa Aquatic Center Mon. through Fri. from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. or on weekends from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Required documents include CA Driver License or ID, birth certificates, utility bill/bank statement. For more information, call (323) 887-4404.

**Commerce City Channel 3**  
 February 2015

**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 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**  
 The Vintage Vehicle Show  
 "TJH Classic Cars" Tuesdays at 3 p.m.  
 The Vintage Vehicle Show  
 "Goodguys Car Show" Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.  
 The Vintage Vehicle Show  
 "Crevier Classic Car Company" Thursdays at 8 a.m.  
 The Vintage Vehicle Show  
 "Chevelle & El Camino Show" Saturdays at 8 a.m.

**CHEAP EATS**  
 Mondays at 5 p.m., Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 a.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m., Sundays at 12 p.m.