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Introducing the City of Commerce 2015 Royal Court from l. to r. Miss Fourth of July Cecilia Campos, Miss Dodgers/Miss Friendship Destanee Rose Cortes, Miss Clippers Alyssa Rubio and Miss Cinco de Mayo Dayana Ruiz Marquez.

## The New Royal Queen Has Been Crowned

The 55th Annual Miss Commerce Pageant was held on Saturday, March 21 at the Commerce Hotel and Casino where 12 young hopefuls competed for the prized crown. In the end, it was Diana Lopez who captured the title. Diana will graduate from East Los Angeles College in June with two Associates Degrees, one in Natural Science and the other in Social Behavior. She is also a student trainee for the EMT program at El Camino Compton Center. She is preparing to transfer to a four-year University to study to be an Emergency Room Physician's Assistant.

A panel of judges ranked each participant in the categories of beauty, poise, personality, grooming and the ability to communicate effectively. The contestants were showcased in daytime and evening attire and were asked one of 12 questions given to all contestants before the pageant. The 2015 Commerce Royal Court is as follows: Miss Dodgers/Miss Friendship Destanee Rose Cortes, Miss Clippers Alyssa Rubio, Miss Fourth of July Cecilia Campos and Miss Cinco de Mayo Dayana Ruiz Marquez.

As part of the pageant program Gage William-Cean Torres was introduced as the 2015 Young Man of the Year. As Young Man of the Year, Gage will represent the City at various functions and also receive a \$1,200 scholarship. Ap-

plicants were judged on individual potential, academic and leadership abilities.

The Miss Commerce Pageant began in 1960 with the City's incorporation. The Queen and her Court serve as ambassadors throughout the year. We wish our new Miss Commerce, the Royal Court and Young Man of the Year, much success.



During the pageant, Diana Lopez modeled her evening attire. Judges selected her based on her poise, beauty and personality.



The crowning moment. Diana Lopez was announced the winner of the 2015 Miss Commerce pageant.

## Explore the Rich History of San Diego



There's not a whole lot you can get these days for \$2.00, unless you're a Commerce resident! Take a trip with your neighbors to beautiful San Diego on Saturday, May 16. The excursion begins in Old Town San Diego where visitors can enjoy handmade tortillas, authentic Mexican cuisine and shopping. Known as the birthplace of California, Old Town is rich in historic roots. It was once the site of the first permanent Spanish settlement in California and now it has been established as a State Historic Park to preserve the rich heritage. The park includes a main plaza, exhibits, museums and living history demonstrations.

In the afternoon, the group will head to Seaport Village which is a 14 acre waterfront shopping, dining and entertainment complex. The Seaport Village has a bit of a macabre history as it was built on a landfill over Punta de los Muertos (Point of the Dead) where the Spanish expedition of 1782 buried those who had died of scurvy. In later years it was a railroad yard where goods and other products were unloaded from ships and loaded aboard trains for shipment east. Now the waterfront features four miles of meandering cobblestone pathways bordered by ponds, lakes, fountains and colorful, lush landscaping. All transportation will be provided. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 323-887-4434.

**FROM THE DESK OF JORGE RIFA  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

I'd like to start by congratulating newly crowned Miss Commerce 2015 Diana Lizbeth Lopez, her Royal Court and Young Man of the Year Gage Torres. These young adults will serve as the City's ambassadors over the next year at City programs, events and functions. We look forward to getting to know them in the months ahead.

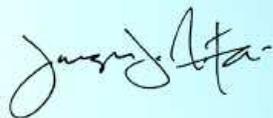
Speaking of upcoming events, May features one of our largest. The annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration will be held at Bristow Park on May 2 from noon to 5 p.m. As always, our celebration will feature local entertainment, sports events like the Commerce boxing exhibition and a wide variety of Mexican/American cuisine offered by Commerce civic organizations. This is a wonderful, colorful celebration of culture and community and we hope you will bring the whole family to celebrate with us.

Last month the City hosted the Commerce Relay for Life at Veterans Park. This event celebrated the memory of those who lost the fight against cancer, as well as the great hope we have for the future in finding a cure for this terrible disease. Thank you to the American Cancer Society, our sponsors and the fund raising teams for making this event a huge success.

Commerce recently celebrated Women's History Month along with our State elected officials who honored two outstanding women from the City of Commerce as their respective "Woman of the Year." Assemblymember Cristina Garcia honored Carmen Marquez who is a retired teacher, a Commerce Education Commissioner and a singular force of positive energy. Senator Tony Mendoza honored the ever stylish Alice Sterling. Mrs. Sterling is a retired City employee that helped build the City's preschool program, served as a Center Supervisor and made significant contributions in organizing and strengthening many of the City's civic organizations. At 92 she remains young at heart, vibrant and active in the community. We are fortunate to have these two strong women who continue to serve the City of Commerce.

Alice Sterling and Carmen Marquez are outstanding community leaders, which is just one of many important roles that women have in today's society. Another role is that of mom. On behalf of the City Council, I want to wish everyone a happy Mother's Day, which is on Sunday, May 10. Let's take time to appreciate our mothers, grandmothers, aunts and other women in our lives who do so much for us. Finally, May marks the celebration of Memorial Day so let us all remember the brave men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The City of Commerce is proud to serve as home to many Veterans and military families and we are forever grateful for their service and sacrifice. In observance of this special holiday, Commerce City Hall and libraries will be closed on Monday, May 25.

Sincerely,




**CITY OF COMMERCE COUNCIL ACTIONS**

**Regular Meeting of  
April 7, 2015**

**Presented** a certificate of recognition to Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department law enforcement personnel for showing commendable restraint and professionalism in a dangerous incident.

**Introduced** Miss Commerce Diana Lizbeth Lopez, the 2015 Royal Court, who are Miss Dodgers/Miss Friendship Destanee Rose Cortes; Miss Clippers Alyssa Rubio; Miss Fourth of July Cecilia Campos and Miss Cinco de Mayo Dayana Ruiz Marquez and Young Man of the Year Gage Torres to the Community.



**Presented** a proclamation declaring April DMV/Donate Life Month in the City of Commerce to representatives of DMV/Donate Life California.



**Presented** a certificate of recognition to Eastern Group Publications, publisher of The Commerce Comet, for fair and accurate reporting to the people of the City of Commerce and the East Los Angeles region. The Certificate was presented to (l. to r.) Office Manager Bianca Sanchez, Managing Editor Gloria Alvarez, Publisher/Editor in Chief Dolores Sanchez, Associate Publisher/Chief Operating Of-



ficer Jonathan Sanchez and Staff Writer Jacqueline Garcia. **Proclaimed** April as Autism Awareness Month in the City of Commerce.

**Proclaimed** April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Commerce.

**Proclaimed** April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and April 29 as Denim Day in the City of Commerce.

**Approved** the purchase and installation of a back-up generator for the City's Liquid and Liquid Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Station.

**Authorized** staff to invest funds in the Local Agency Investment Fund.

**Approved** the purchase of a Challenge 200 Titan Paper Cutter.

**Approved** a Professional Services Agreement with Amec Foster Wheeler for initial testing and site characterization for the property located at 1350 S. Eastern Ave. in the City of Commerce.

**Received** and filed a presentation on the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System.

**Approved** an agreement with Fenix Merchandise USA, Inc. for the establishment of a Farmers Market in the City of Commerce.

**Approved** a new City employee customer service program titled "Commerce Caught in the Act Program."

**Received** and filed an update on the Information Technology Infrastructure Upgrade Project.

**Approved** the implementation of the proposed Bristow Park Sheriff's Office and referred construction recommendation to the Measure AA Committee for funding evaluation.

**Upheld** the Traffic Commission's decision to deny a request for blue curb installation at 4715 Leonis Street.

**Appointed** Javier Hernandez and Jorge Garcia to the Traffic Commission.

**Appointed** Shawnese Perea, Sandy Cornejo, Gia Romero and Leilani Davis to the Pageant Steering Committee.

**Appointed** Jaime Valencia to the Education Commission.

**Appointed** Joanna Flores and Annelle Grajeda to the Measure AA Committee.

**Appointed** Ulysses Gonzalez to the Community Services Commission.

**Appointed** Esperanza Ramos to the Education Commission.

**Appointed** Olga Urena to the Library Commission.

**Appointed** Ernesto Gonzalez to the Planning Commission.

**Appointed** Carmen Barragan to Senior Citizens Commission.

**Appointed** Jason Arrellano to the Youth Advisory Commission. Received and filed a legislative report.

**Regular Meeting of  
March 17, 2015**

**Declared** the results of March 3, 2015 General Municipal Election and presented certificates of election.

**Presented** outgoing Councilmembers Joe Aguilar and Denise Robles with commendations honoring their service to the City.



**Proclaimed** March 2015 as American Red Cross Awareness Month.

# Summer is Buzzing into Commerce, Bringing With it, Mosquitoes and West Nile Virus

If you're a resident of Commerce, then you know summer is a fun time in your city. From events at your local parks to backyard BBQs, the heat won't stop you from having a good time. However, summertime fun can be interrupted by uninvited visitors: blood-sucking, disease-carrying mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes and warm weather go hand-in-hand. This is especially true with the warm winter and spring we experienced this year. As temperatures warm, the threat of West Nile virus increases. West Nile virus is a potentially dangerous disease transmitted by mosquitoes that can lead to death in humans, horses, birds, and wildlife. In milder cases, patients experience fevers, body aches, and headaches. In more severe cases, patients can experience coma and paralysis.

"People may think mosquitoes are just annoyances," said Community Services Director Matt Rodriguez. "But in Commerce and surrounding communities, they can pose a very serious threat to our health."

Luckily, Commerce has been working with the Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District (GLACVCD) to make sure residents understand the risks. GLACVCD has specialized staff that monitor diseases and control mosquitoes and other vectors that pose a threat to our health and comfort.

"We can do our part, but we need your help to get rid of stagnant water around the home," says Levy Sun, Public Information Officer for GLACVCD. "Take a few minutes to clean up clutter around your home and remove all buckets, old tires, and plant saucers that hold water. The work you do now will dramatically cut your risk of mosquito problems this summer."

While GLACVCD and Commerce are fighting mosquitoes in parks, street gutters and public areas, we need your help to control them around your home. Here are some ways you can help:



- GLACVCD offers a free service to inspect areas and properties with mosquito issues. Are you getting bit during the day or night? Call 562-944-9656 or submit a service request online at [www.reportmosquitoes.org](http://www.reportmosquitoes.org).

- Do you notice dirty, green pools or other potential mosquito breeding sources in your community? Let

us know! GLACVCD does free inspections and can help many people solve mosquito issues. Call us at 562-944-9656 or online at [www.reportmosquitoes.org](http://www.reportmosquitoes.org).

- If families are outdoors when mosquitoes are active, apply insect repellent. Just because you don't see them, doesn't mean mosquitoes won't find you! The most effective repellents contain active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus (PMD). Always apply according to label instructions.

- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep mosquitoes out. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.

- Vector control needs your help to educate the community! Invite a special Vector Control booth or speaker to your next event at a church, fair or organization. Call them at 562-944-9656 or email [commaffairs@glacvcd.org](mailto:commaffairs@glacvcd.org).

# Protect Our Oceans and Waterways Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Safely



The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and Department of Public Works are hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Roundup near the City of Commerce this month to provide residents a free and easy way to dispose of used motor oil and other hazardous substances. This roundup will be held:

**Saturday, May 23**  
**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Maywood Park**  
**57th Street and Heliotrope Avenue**  
**Maywood, CA 90270**

## WHAT TO BRING:

- Motor oil, antifreeze, paint, paint thinner
- Turpentine, cleaners with acids or lye
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Household and car batteries
- Old computers and television sets
- Sharps or used needles
- Expired pharmaceuticals and mercury thermometers

## THINGS WE DON'T WANT YOU TO BRING:

- Explosives, ammunition or radioactive materials
- Waste from businesses will NOT be accepted
- Trash or old tires
- White goods such as washers, stoves, refrigerators or air conditioners

## HOW TO PREPARE:

- In general, there is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 lbs. per vehicle
- Bring items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original labeled containers
- Be prepared to leave your containers
- Do not mix products together

For more information, visit [www.lacsd.org](http://www.lacsd.org) or call the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County at (800) 238-0172.

# Get the Clean Air App to Put the Power of SCAQMD

You can now get "Connected to Clean Air" with the South Coast AQMD free mobile phone app, which was designed and developed exclusively for residents of the South Coast Air Basin, on your iPhone or Android platform phone or device.

At your fingertips you can find out about air quality within the South Coast AQMD, as well as air quality news alerts, alternative vehicle fueling stations, and much more. Download at the iTunes or Google Play app store.





The exciting evening culminated with the Queen's Ball, where the Queen, Royal Court, pageant contestants and guests celebrated the hard work of everyone involved in the event.



The 2015 Young Man of the Year Gage William-Cean Torres made his debut at the Miss Commerce Pageant. Gage will also represent the City at events alongside Miss Commerce.

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### Princess Profile:

# Miss CINCINCO DE MAYO



Seventeen year old **Dayana Ruiz Marquez** was crowned Miss Cinco de Mayo 2015 at this year's Miss Commerce Pageant. A senior at Schurr High School, Dayana is very active in the dance program and is the President of the Drama Club. Dayana loves the performing arts and hopes to enter a career in that field. In the meantime, Dayana is a personal trainer and enjoys motivating people to engage in a healthy lifestyle. Here's Dayana, in her own words:

#### It's only been one month, but how has your experience been on the court this far?

*My experience on the court has been amazing. I've enjoyed the many fun activities, community service projects and getting to know all the residents better. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity to serve the City of Commerce. I can't wait for what's ahead.*

#### What do you hope to get out of your time serving on the court?

*I hope to get to meet most of the residents and spend time with them during events. I also hope it will help me on my path to becoming a righteous and responsible young woman.*

#### What does being Miss Cinco de Mayo mean to you?

*It is an honor to be able to represent and celebrate the Mexican culture and heritage many of us share. Being Miss Cinco de Mayo means one must serve with strong values such as hope, generosity, intelligence, integrity and virtue. And let's not forget having some fun!*

#### Are you furthering your education/working?

*One of my goals after I graduate in June will be to become a certified personal trainer for my own fitness company. I plan to take classes at Pasadena City College and later transfer to a University to earn degrees in performing arts and Latin dance.*

#### What are your plans for the future?

*I plan to travel and get to know lots of people and cultures. Being a personal trainer and a dance teacher are things I'll do after getting my education. My ultimate goal however is to be an entertainer: acting, dancing, singing, and doing stand up on a stage or in front of a camera. Nothing can reproduce the sonic and emotional power of a live performance.*

# Alice Sterling 30th Senate District Woman of the Year

Longtime Commerce resident Alice Sterling received the 30th Senate District Woman of the Year Award from Senator Tony Mendoza at the 2015 Woman of the Year Awards Dinner held at the Cerritos Center for the Per-



forming arts in March.

"It's an honor to be recognized for the work I've done in the community. I'm thankful for this award," said Sterling, who is 92-years-of-age

Sterling has a lifelong record of being an active leader in many of the City's civic organizations including the Commerce Sister Cities Association, the Model City Democratic Club, the Woman's Club of Rosewood Park and the Saint Marcellinus Holy Name Society.

Retired from the City of Commerce since 1994, Sterling served the community for more than 25 years as a proud public employee of the City of Commerce. One of the City's first employees, Alice organized classes that featured exercise and crafts. Later she became one of the pioneers of the Commerce Preschool Program, where she worked as a preschool instructor shaping the lives of Commerce's young people.

While the Commerce Preschool Program is still popular today, Alice also oversaw the provision of parks and recreation services to the people of Commerce during her many years as a community center supervisor.

At a robust and energetic 92, Sterling recently presented an eloquent and emotional invocation in honor of the City of Commerce's 55th Birthday at the celebration held at Rosewood Park on January 24th.

Sterling was nominated because of the tremendous positive impact she has had on thousands of residents during her career and for her activity that continues to inspire her fellow residents today.

Congratulations to Alice Sterling for receiving this distinctive honor.

# Carmen Marquez 58th Assembly District Woman of the Year

Longtime Commerce resident Carmen Marquez received the 58th Assembly District Woman of the Year Award from Assemblymember Cristina Garcia at the 2015



Woman of the Year Awards Luncheon held at the Southern California Gas Co. Energy Resource Center in Downey.

"I feel blessed to receive this honor and to be part of this community," said Marquez.

Marquez has taught for over 35 years, many of them as a teacher at Rosewood School where she literally taught generations of Commerce residents. In addition, Carmen has been deeply involved in the community in numerous capacities.

She has served as Board President, Vice President and Secretary of the Rosewood Park PTA, Secretary of the Montebello Council PTA, Chair of Red Ribbon Week for the 33rd District PTA, President and Secretary of the Commerce Woman's Club and Chairperson of the Commerce Education Commission.

Marquez also volunteers her time and energy outside of the local area. She also serves as the Vice President of the California Association of Bilingual Education, Treasurer of the Association of Mexican American Educators, Board Member of the Hispanic Coalition, Health Representative for the CAHPERD-Southern Region and Coordinator for CACSAP-Region.

Well known for her smile and positive personality, Marquez is likely to break into a dance without warning as she continues to work on behalf of the people in her community and beyond.

Marquez was nominated for her positive impact during her career as a teacher and as someone who cares deeply about her community. Congratulations to Carmen Marquez for receiving this distinctive honor.

# Commerce Celebrates ARBOR DAY with Local Students



To highlight the importance trees are to people and the environment, the City of Commerce celebrated Arbor Day, the tree-planting holiday, with fourth grade students from Bandini Elementary and Rosewood schools.

This environmentally friendly day got started by J. Sterling Morton in 1872, when he persuaded the people of Nebraska to establish a tree-planting day to restore the earth's richness.

West Coast Arborists partnered with the City to host the celebration and planted trees at each school. Each child was also given a pine tree seedling to plant at home, which were provided by the Los Angeles County Forestry Department.

Each school presented three students with a plaque and their award winning poster in a frame. The winners were:



## Bandini Elementary:

- 1st: Diego Cajas
- 2nd: Tiphareth Marquez
- 3rd: Cassidy Buccio

## Rosewood School:

- 1st: Jonathan Zambrano
- 2nd: Rosio Porfiro
- 3rd: David Martinez

The City of Commerce Arbor Day Celebration is held annually to teach young people the importance of keeping our trees healthy and beautiful to help protect our environment.

# The Gallery



## RESIDENT CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY



Longtime Commerce resident Rosa Millan Pico turned 100 years of age this month. She is pictured here with family members at the Commerce Senior Center.

## BANDINI CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY



From l. to r. are City employee Hector Orozco, Miss Commerce Diana Lopez, Miss Clippers Alyssa Rubio, Young Man of the Year Gage Torres and Traffic Commissioners Isabel Caldera and Karl Baker with the winners of the Commerce Arbor Day Poster Contest from Bandini Elementary.

## CONGRESSWOMAN TOURS PORTO'S PRODUCTION FA-



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40) toured Porto's Bakery & Café in Downey and the Porto's plant in Commerce. L. to R. facing camera are Small Business Administration Regional Administrator Donna J. Davis, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard, Small Business Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet, and Margarita Navarro.

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Dozens of young residents searched the grounds for hidden Easter eggs at Veterans Park during the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children also had the opportunity to take pictures with the Easter Bunny and enjoy some sweet holiday treats. Miss Commerce, the Royal Court and Young Man of the Year also joined in the frivolity.

## STARRING TINY DANCERS



The City of Commerce Dance Program starts our kids off early. This is an opportunity for our young residents to have fun, stay active and develop their rhythm and motor skills.

## DANCING THEIR WAY TO THE TOP



The Commerce Dance Program also produces award-winning dance teams. One of our groups recently took the top prize a regional dance competition. Congratulations!



# COMMERCE CALENDAR MAY

# 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>3</p> <p>"If our American way of life fails the child, it fails us all." <b>Pearl S. Buck</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p>PowerPoint Class Rosewood Library 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Advisory Commission 7 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Hecho a Mano Hand Made Rosewood Library 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</b></p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Hecho a Mano Hand Made Rosewood Library 6 p.m.</p> <p>Senior Citizens Commission 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Parks &amp; Recreation Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Mother's Day Program Bandini Library 11 a.m.</p>
<p>10</p> <p><b>Mother's Day</b></p>	<p>11</p> <p>Intro to Computers Bandini Library 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Education Commission 6 p.m.</p> <p>English Book Club Bandini Library 6 p.m.</p> <p>PowerPoint Class Rosewood Library 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Day Camp Registration 8 a.m.</p> <p>Intro to Excel Rosewood Library 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Task Force Committee 3 p.m.</p> <p>Intro to the Internet Bristow Library 4 p.m.</p> <p>Traffic Commission 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Intro to Word Veterans Library 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Community Services Commission 6 p.m.</p> <p>Hecho a Mano Hand Made Veterans Library 6 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>PowerPoint Class Rosewood Library 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</b></p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>"Children need love, especially when they do not deserve it." <b>Harold Hulbert</b></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>Memorial Day</b> City Hall &amp; Libraries Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Library Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Spanish Reading Club Rosewood Library 6 p.m.</p> <p>PowerPoint Class Veterans Library 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Preschool Graduation Veterans Park 10 a.m.</p>
<p>30</p>						

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

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# Change a Lifetime

May is National Foster Care Month

## Fostering Healthy Families

**M**ay is National Foster Care Month and is observed throughout the country to bring increased knowledge and understanding about the foster care system and the children and youth in its care. Penny Lane is a nonprofit organization that cares for over 3,500 abused and neglected children, youth and families a month. With one of their seven offices located in the City of Commerce, Penny Lane provides a multitude of services including therapeutic residential services, foster family home placements, adoption services, transitional and affordable housing and mental health services for children, youth and families throughout Los Angeles County. According to the National Foster Care Coalition:



**51% of children in foster care are unified with their parents or primary care giver and that 21% of youth are adopted.**



**Nearly 60% of children in foster care in American wait 2 or more years before being adopted.**



**Over 1/3 of youth in foster care are age 13 or older.**



**Of youth who age out the foster care system, 1/4 are incarcerated within 2 years and only 1/2 graduate from high school.**

Families interested in becoming a certified foster or adoptive parent can receive professional training and support from Penny Lane. Foster children range from birth to 19 years of age and are referred to Penny Lane by the Department of Child and Family Services. When it has been determined that a foster child cannot be reunified with his/her family, Penny Lane works to ensure permanency for children by matching them with certified adoptive families and facilitating the adoption process. If you would like more information about becoming a foster or adoptive parent, individuals are invited to attend one of Penny Lane's monthly orientations where staff will be available to answer questions.

For dates and times, call 323.318.9960. The City of Commerce will be presenting Penny Lane with a proclamation in recognition of National Foster Care Month for the services they provide to Commerce and the surrounding communities.



## Commerce City Channel 3 May 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 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 "Animal Control Services – Adopt a pet"**  
 Mondays at 12 p.m., Tuesdays at 10:30a.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.

**Protecting Yourself and Your Community from West Nile Virus**  
 Mondays at 6p.m., Tuesdays at 12 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 a.m., Thursdays at 6 p.m. or after City Council Meeting, Fridays at 6 p.m., Saturdays at 11:30 a.m., Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

**Vintage Vehicle Show - Shows include:**  
**Gary Stevens**  
 Tuesdays at 3 p.m.  
**Saleen Mustangs**  
 Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.  
**Crevier Classic Car Company**  
 Thursdays at 8 a.m.  
**Racing Hall of Fame**  
 Saturdays at 8 a.m.

**California's Green with Huell Howser Show**  
 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.