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Washington Boulevard will be under construction through 2016. The project will widen the thoroughfare and ease traffic flow.

Capital Improvement Projects Set to Improve Safety, Aesthetics, Traffic Flow

After years of planning, the construction work on Washington Boulevard has begun but so has the traffic congestion. And while the community is excited to finally get this project under way, the construction process comes with some disruption and changes in the usual traffic patterns. The construction effort is headed by the City of Commerce, the Contractor Sully Miller as well as the City Construction Management team of Transtech, Inc. The construction team is committed to minimizing the impacts on residents through effective communication.

The City and Transtech, Inc. have established a variety of communication tools to keep the public, in particular the citizens of Commerce, informed of upcoming work. These tools are also intended to provide residents with the means to quickly communicate any questions or concerns with the construction team. There are three ways residents can get answers: by phone, email and website.

"During a construction project of this size there are bound to be disruptions that are unavoidable," said Maryam Babaki, Director of Public Works & Development Services Department. "Our job is to minimize the number of those disruptions and its impact on our residents. It is also a priority to make it as easy as possible for our residents to access information and ask questions."

The construction team has also waged a concerted effort to reach out to the businesses along Washington Boulevard. Representatives are visiting each business in person and providing them with the needed contact information. The team is also coordinating with the Commerce Industrial Council to hold regular bi-weekly meetings with the business community to stay in communication and address any concerns.

The \$32 million project will widen Washington Boulevard to three lanes in each direction. It will also include median landscaping and parkways, as well as, ADA compliant sidewalks along most of the corridor. There will be new decorative LED street lighting along the corridor and much needed pavement rehabilitation and replacement. Not only will these improvements enhance the beautification of this major thoroughfare but it will improve truck circulation and reduce traffic delays which in turn improves overall air quality. For more information about this project, please call, email or visit the website below.

Phone: (888) 705-4009 (toll-free)

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4 Days of Food, Fireworks, Family & Fun

The City of Commerce will host the Annual Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 4 from 2:00 pm – 10:30 pm at Rosewood Park. The highly anticipated and regionally renowned, professional fireworks display will begin at 9:00 pm. Miss Fourth of July, Cecilia Campos, will be the official event ambassador which will feature live entertainment, delicious food, games and more.

Residents can reserve shelters, picnic spots and BBQ areas beginning Wednesday, June 17 at 8:00 am through the Department of Parks and Recreation. There are no rental fees for picnic spots or BBQ areas for Commerce residents but a \$50 deposit is required for shelters. Shelters are split in half and can only be reserved by those 21 years of age or older with a current Resident Activity Card. Only one reservation per household is allowed and any unreserved spots will become available to non-residents on the

morning of July 4th for a \$25 fee. Reservations for unreserved spots will be taken at the Independence Day Celebration Information Booth beginning at 7:00 am.

Residents can begin the celebration early at the Annual 5K Freedom Run which takes place on the morning of July 4th at 8:10 am sharp at the corner of Commerce Way and Harbor Street. The course takes participants on a run, jog or stroll through the Rosewood Park area. Registration begins on Tuesday, June 2 in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

And if that wasn't enough... as part of the Independence Day celebration, the City will also host a community carnival Thursday, July 2 – Sunday, July 5. For details about all the scheduled events, please call the Department of Park and Recreation at 323.887.4434.

Metrolink Station Improvements



In almost any City, a rail station can be a great economic and mobility asset for residents as well as a great resource for the business and visiting community. The City of Commerce has had the good fortune of having a Metrolink Station on 26th Street. Unfortunately, over the past few years it has fallen to a state of disrepair and as such, it fails to generate the kind of ridership and activity that is common at other such transit stations.

Understanding the need to bring the station to a standard that can fully serve the community, the Public Works and Development Services (PWDS) Department has undertaken two approaches to rehabilitate the Station. Under a City contract, Horizon construction will begin work on the station to install new LED lighting along the parking lot as well as on the station platform. The construction work will also include drainage improvements as well as pavement resurfacing of the north parking lot.

For a long term station rejuvenation, the City has applied for a \$3 million grant through the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA). The application was put together to demonstrate the station potential to generate new ridership with investments in beautification, amenities and safety improvements at that location. The City expects to hear word about grant funding this month, June 2015.

FROM THE DESK OF JORGE RIFA CITY ADMINISTRATOR

From the Miss Commerce Pageant, to Easter, to Cinco de Mayo, spring was full of big events. But there were a few events that require a follow up to shine a light on their awesome results. For example, the City partnered with the American Cancer Society for the Commerce Relay For Life. The results are in and all their fundraising efforts raised nearly \$23,000 for cancer research and services for patients. Thank you to the many Commerce residents and businesses that participated in the relay. It was a great team effort! The community also came together for the Annual Spring Cleanup which focused this year on the Bandinini Park neighborhood. The results are in and we were able to collect one truck load of electronic waste, one truck load of shredded documents and we filled 8 roll-off bins full of trash! I want to thank all the sponsors, volunteers and city staff that came out to make this event a success.

The City Council recognized May as Foster Care Month and honored Penny Lane Centers which has an office here in the City of Commerce. Penny Lane is a Social and Mental Health Services Agency that recruits, trains and certifies an average of 45 foster families per year and provides care and support to more than 700 children per year. The Commerce City Council pledged to raise 500 duffel bags for the foster care children who are many times suddenly removed with only a trash bag to place their belongings in. I am pleased to announce that within days, that goal was met. We will coordinate with Penny Lane to give them the duffel bags.

As we head into summer I encourage you to participate in the many activities and events we offer to our residents. Take for instance one of my favorite pastimes, baseball! Get a group of friends together and enjoy one of the best rivalries around the Dodgers vs. the Padres. You can find more information about this fun and inexpensive adult outing on page 5. And for our youth, Camp Commerce and Swim Lesson registration begins in June. These are popular programs that will fill up quickly so mark your calendar!

We are also very proud to bring a weekly Farmers Market to the community every Thursday from 3:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. Most of the vendors will be local farmers and the others will offer prepared food as well as arts and crafts. We look forward to seeing you and your family there!

Speaking of our families, we have some outstanding youth who are accomplishing some incredible things. Check out articles on page 8 about our young resident who helped present legislation at our State Capitol in Sacramento and our competitive dance team that is sweeping up regional awards. Finally, this is June and I want to congratulate all the dads and grads. We honor you and all your accomplishments. Let's have a great summer!

Sincerely,




Municipal Notes



Y.E.S. PROGRAM

The City Council approved increasing the stipend for 85 participants in the Youth Education and Service (Y.E.S.) Leadership and Mentoring Program as well as approved a reduction in the number of hours required to complete the program. For many years the program was a summer youth employment program called the "Summer Youth Educational and Service Program." The participants were considered employees and paid minimum wage. In 2012, as a result of budgetary concerns, the program was changed

from a paid summer job program to a volunteer program receiving a \$500 stipend for completion of 200 volunteer hours. The name changed to the Y.E.S. Program and not only exposed participants to work experience, but the focus shifted to the value of volunteering. It was designed to enhance self-confidence and skills by providing meaningful and rewarding experiences through training, resources, mentoring and education in a structured work setting. **NOTE: Applications are no longer being accepted.**

CITY OF COMMERCE COUNCIL ACTIONS

Regular Meeting of April 21, 2015

Proclaimed Thursday, April 23, 2015 as Student Government Day in the City of Commerce.



Received and filed a report on the State of California's Water Conservation Mandate and provided direction to staff to examine existing Water Conservation Ordinance.

Approved project plans and specifications for the Eastern Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project and directed staff to advertise for bids and consider approving the use of \$875,000 Measure AA Funds for this project.

Approved continuing the Youth Education and Service (YES) Leadership and Mentoring Program with an increase stipend from \$500 to \$1,000 for a completion of 150 hours for 85 participants.

Approved agreement with Urban Graffiti Enterprises, Inc. for bus stop and shelter maintenance with an amendment to include training and certification for City employees to eventually take over maintenance.

Approved an agreement with Horizon Construction for the Metrolink Station Parking Lot, ADA and lighting improvement project and approving the use of \$330,000 of Measure AA funds to augment funds needed for this project.

Adopted the resolution authorizing the issuance of Commission refunding bonds; approving a Form of Indenture, a Form of Bond Purchase Agreement, a Form of Escrow Agreement and a Form of Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

Authorized staff to solicit proposals for consulting services for the facilitation of a strategic planning workshop.

Approved appointment to the Environmental Justice Advisory Task Force.

Scheduled a joint City Council and Measure AA Committee Meeting for May 12, 2015.

Regular Meeting of May 5, 2015

Presentation to Penny Lane Agency with a Proclamation declaring May 2015 as "National Foster Care Month"



Received and Filed a status update on the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project.

Approved agreement with Rick Larson, dba Wold Amusements, Inc. for carnival services for the 4th of July Celebration at Rosewood Park.

Approved agreement with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. for the 4th of July Pyrotechnic Display at Rosewood Park.

Approved formally supporting the City of Alhambra as a Host Town for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games.

Approved taking a formal legislative position on Assembly Bill 45.

Approved appointments to Youth Advisory Committee and Education Commission.



Commerce Residents Could Face Fees for Exceeding Allotted Water Budget

In order to achieve state-mandated water use reductions necessitated by historic drought conditions, Cal Water filed its Schedule 14.1 with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Cal Water's Schedule 14.1 sets household and business water budgets and associated enforcement measures to reduce water use in its districts.

This enforcement plan, which applies to both residential and non-residential customers, is in response to Governor Brown's executive order requiring a statewide 25% reduction in urban, potable water use. It also complies with subsequent regulations that are expected to be adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) and the CPUC to achieve that reduction by the end of February 2016.

Individual customers in each district will be given a water budget that reflects state-mandated reductions. The customer's monthly bill will show his or her water budget for the following month. Customers' water use history through 2013 will also be available online at www.calwater.com beginning in June.

As part of Schedule 14.1, a drought surcharge would apply

when customers use above their allotted budget that month. Considerations will be given for low-income customers, those who did not use their entire budgets in previous months, and those with special circumstances.

Schedule 14.1 is expected to become effective June 1,

2015. In May, Cal Water hosted public meetings in each of its districts to help customers understand this filing, their water budgets, mandatory water use restrictions, associated enforcement mechanisms and the wide variety of conservation rebates, programs, and other tools Cal Water offers to help customers reduce their water use.

"We are taking a customer-first approach, working directly with our customers to help them comply with state-mandated reduction targets," said Martin A. Kropelnicki, President and CEO.

"Cal Water has an industry-leading conservation program, and we want to make sure all of our customers are aware of the tools and programs we offer to help reduce their water demand."

For details, call Cal Water Service at 323.722.8601.



Commerce Farmers Market Locally Grown, Healthy Eating

In an effort to bring healthier and better tasting food options to the community, the City of Commerce is sponsoring a weekly Farmers Market in the City Hall Parking Lot every Thursday from 3:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m. Most of the vendors will be local farmers and the others will offer prepared food as well as arts and crafts. The Commerce Farmers Market will be under the supervision of Fenix Merchandise USA, Inc.

Fenix Merchandise USA, Inc. has a long history of successfully owning and operating many retail businesses, indoor and outdoor swap meets and farmers markets. They currently operate an open-air market at Schurr High School and are looking to locate one in the City of Commerce through the Montebello Unified School District. The Farmers Market will also offer opportunities to new vendors and entrepreneurs as well as job prospects for local residents.

The Commerce Farmers Market is geared to create a fun, healthy outdoor activity that is affordable for families in Commerce. Fenix Merchandise USA, Inc will offer an EBT/SNAP program which is a system to allow patrons to use their EBT cards to purchase all food-stamp eligible foods. Vendors collect tokens that are exchanged with patrons which allow EBT funds to be collected in a controlled and accountable manner. Additionally, the Market Match program offers vouchers to customers that use their EBT cards with credit that is only good for the purchase of fruits, vegetables and tree nuts from Certified Farmers at the Commerce Farmers Market.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, Cal-

ifornia has been the number one food and agricultural producer in the United States for more than 50 consecutive years, generating approximately \$46.7 billion a year, more than any other state. In fact, more than half the nation's fruits,

nuts and vegetables come from California with products exclusively grown (99% or more) in California. Those include almonds, artichokes, dates, figs, kiwifruit, olives, persimmons, pistachios, prunes, raisins, clovers and walnuts. Through the

cooperation of fresh fruit and vegetable producers, local vendors and city government, hundreds of farmers markets have flourished throughout California, providing communities with access to fresh, organic, healthy food options. Buying locally grown fruits and vegetables not only helps regional farmers but it also helps reduce our carbon footprint by cutting back on transportation. And most important, major studies of health and nutrition indicate that fruits and

vegetables contribute in significant ways to the prevention of certain diseases, including cancer and high blood pressure.

Residents now have convenient access to fresh, affordable food allowing for families to increase the amount of fruits and vegetables in their diet and maintain a healthy lifestyle. If you would like more information about the Commerce Farmers Market, please call the Department of Parks and Recreation at 323.887.4434.



NO Dancing Around Fireworks Safety

Fireworks are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day but we also have to be mindful that fireworks can be as dangerous as they are beautiful if not handled properly. On average, 240 people go the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday.

Remember, fireworks can be dangerous, causing serious burn and eye injuries. They can also be harmful and a frightening experience for your pets. We have compiled some common sense safety tips when using fireworks:

- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Even "harmless" sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- Don't experiment with homemade fireworks. M-80's are dangerous and ILLEGAL.

For Pets

- Keep pets indoors. Close the curtains and turn on the TV or radio to provide a distraction. Calming or classical music can be therapeutic and often work better at keeping your dog calm.
- Provide a safe "escape" place. Many times pets will seek out a small place like a crate if they are fearful or stressed. If you do not already have one start early in creating a safe place to familiarize your pet with before it's needed.
- Keep pets away from fireworks especially those that are lighted on the ground. Pets may try to sniff or eat fireworks and pet fair can easily catch fire if too close to the fireworks.
- Make sure your pet has time to use the restroom before the fireworks start. Some pets are too frightened to void once the fireworks begin and this may lead to an accident later on.
- Make sure that your pet has proper identification tags with current information in case s/he gets away.

It's Story TIME @your library™

BUBBLEMANIA

June 22, Bubblemania will present "Bubbles Galore," a fun and educational program about bubbles for children and families at all four libraries.

MISTA COOKIE JAR

Funky and folky family musician "Mista Cookie Jar" will bring his upbeat blend of "Urban-Island-Folky-Rock and Roll for the Inner Child" to all of the libraries the week of July 6.



BARNYARD EXTRAVAGANZA

Parties Fantastic will bring live animals and perform their "Barnyard Extravaganza" show during storytimes the week of July 20. Following each of their shows, children can enter the special petting zoo to meet the farm animals "up close."



Storytimes/Program times

Monday at the Rosewood Park Library at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesdays at the Bandini Library at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays at the Veterans Library at 6:00 p.m.
Thursdays at the Bristow Park Library at 6:00 p.m.

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Commerce Dance Team Moves to Top Spot



Nancy Valencia has been the City of Commerce Dance Team (COCDT) instructor since 1997 and over the past five years the team has earned several Master or Grand Championship awards however this year is the first time the team walked away with six trophies.

According to Valencia, the dance team offers young residents structure, camaraderie and fun. "This is a traveling team so our dancers are expected to dedicate a lot of hours and hard work," she said "But over all this activity helps keep our youth busy, active and out of trouble and if they are interested I would encourage them to tryout."

The COCDT has three divisions: Mascots (1st to 3rd grade), Elementary (3rd to 5th grade) and Junior (6th to 8th grade). The dancers also compete in three different genres: Jazz/Dance, Pop and Hip-Hop. Residents interested in joining the team must maintain a C or better in school. Placement on the team is

based on age and skill level. All candidates have four days to learn a 30 to 45 second dance at the division skill level they are trying out for. Two independent judges will pick who will be a part of the City of Commerce Dance Team.

The COCDT will hold an informational meeting for parents on Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 pm at Rosewood Park. Practice tryout dates are Monday, June 8 – Thursday, June 11 with team tryouts on Friday, June 12 at 5:00 pm at Rosewood Park.

Valencia hopes to see the team grow as well as the community support. Residents are encouraged to show their support by attending regional competitions and city performances. The team also holds several fundraisers throughout the dance season to help pay for uniforms, travel expenses and registration at extra competitions. For details, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at

"EVERY HERO HAS A STORY" 2015 CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Commerce Library's Summer Reading Program is a fun way to help children retain or improve their reading skills over the summer – and it is completely free! Children can earn prizes for reading and everyone is invited to attend fun family shows and programs at all of the Commerce libraries.

The Children's Reading Program is for children from age 4 up to fifth grade (completed). The library also has a Tiny Tots Reading Program for children from birth to three years old. Parents, babies and toddlers in the Tiny Tots program earn prizes by sharing books, rhymes, songs, and learning activities at home.

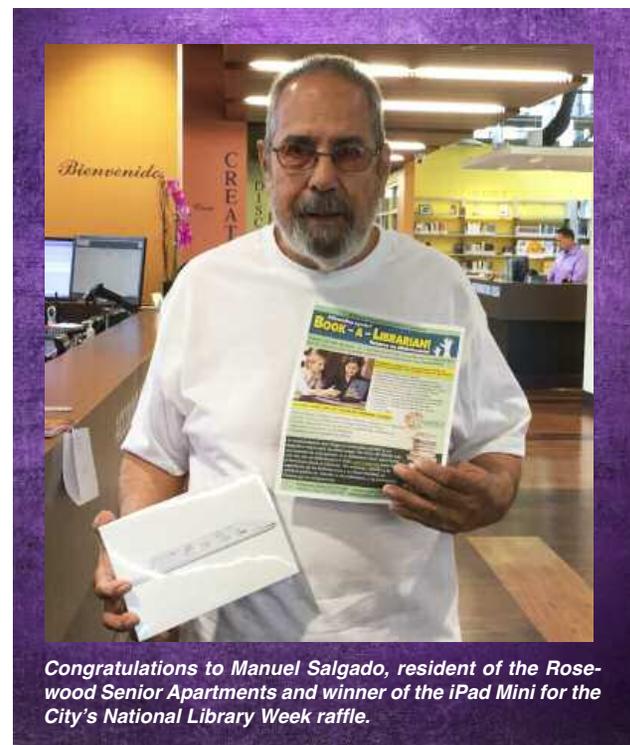
Summer Reading Program registration begins Monday, June 22. Children may register at one of the four library branches. The library where they register will be where they return to report. The first day to report is Tuesday, June 23. The last day to register for the Summer Reading Program is Monday, July 27 and the last day to report is Saturday, August 1.

The Children's Summer Reading Program will end with a big Ending Celebration, featuring comedy, magic, and juggling performed by Arty Loon at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 6 in the Veterans Park Gym.

NEW! Library "Toddler Time" for Young Children

Young children and their parents are invited to share stories, music, rhymes, movement, and art -- including pre-reading skills and ideas for learning at home.

11:30 a.m. every Wednesday - Rosewood Library
11:00 a.m. every Friday- Veterans Library



Congratulations to Manuel Salgado, resident of the Rosewood Senior Apartments and winner of the iPad Mini for the City's National Library Week raffle.

Cinco De Mayo Celebration Highlights

SENATOR CELEBRATES WITH COMMERCE



Senator Tony Mendoza brought his family to the Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration at Bristow Park. He is pictured here with the Commerce Royal Court and Young Man of the Year. The Senator addressed attendees, enjoyed the food and music and he also threw out the first pitch to kick off the Commerce Hot Shots season.

PLAY BALL!



The excitement was overwhelming for some of Commerce's little sluggers.

INTRODUCING THE ALL-STAR TEAMS



Jaxon Rosales watches as his twin teammates, Ella and Emily Ramirez, enjoy in their introductions. There were six teams from all four parks on hand. The Hot Shots learn the fundamentals of tee ball while building team spirit and having fun.

MUSIC OF THE PEOPLE



An 11-piece Mariachi band entertained the crowd and set the festive mood for the day with traditional music.

RIDE 'EM COWBOY



One of the most popular activities for kids at the celebration was bull riding. These City slickers seemed to have more fun getting bucked than staying on.

GIANT FUN



Kids had fun climbing all over a giant dinosaur slide which was one of several unique activities offered at the City's Cinco de Mayo celebration.

COMMERCE BOXING CHAMPS



Commerce Boxing Coach Alfonso Marquez ensures his boxer's safety gear is on properly and that they are focused before heading into a bout.



Solid punches and quick tactical moves set Commerce apart from their competitors. The hometown athletes took on competitors from throughout southern California.



The last bout of the exhibition was a first round knock out for the Commerce Team. Overall Commerce lost only one fight. They have become the team to beat.

The Gallery



FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD



The theme for this year's Kids are Cute Baby Show was the Wizard of Oz. These young residents racked up the awards as Glinda the Good Witch and a member of the Lollipop Guild.

THE DAY BELONGS TO THE YOUNG



Commerce high school seniors from throughout the Montebello Unified School District participated in the Annual Student Government Day. These young adults received hands on training in public service. Each followed an employee of the City to get an understanding about the way city government works.

GARDEN SHOW IN FULL BLOOM



The City's Annual Garden Show saw a variety of entries from colorful flowers, to hanging plants, to ripe vegetables to prickly cactus. The Commerce Garden Club is one of the City's more active civic organizations and hosts this event each year.

FIESTA TIME AT VETERANS PARK



Veterans Park Tiny Tots celebrated Cinco de Mayo by dressing up in traditional costumes and of course breaking open a pinata full of candy. Clearly Commerce has some of the most festive kids around.

LOCKED UP FOR GOOD

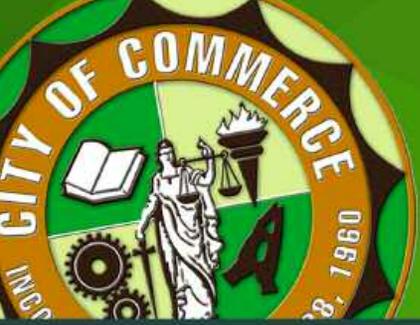


As part of their fun fundraising effort, Commerce Relay For Life participants were able to jail other participants for \$2.00 and those locked up could buy their freedom for \$2.00. All for a good cause.

SURVIVORS LAP



Cancer survivors kicked off the 24 hour event that raised money and awareness about all forms of cancer. In total, the Commerce Relay For Life teams raised nearly \$23,000 for the American Cancer Society.



COMMERCE CALENDAR

JUNE

2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 English Book Club Bandini Library Patio 6 p.m. Youth Advisory Commission 7 p.m.	2 City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m. 	3 Senior Commission 12:30 p.m. Rabies Clinic Rosewood Park 6:30 p.m.	4 Parks & Recreation Commission 6 p.m. 	5 “Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it.” Russell Baker	6 Camp Commerce Registration Council Chambers 8 a.m.
7	8 Intro to Publisher Bandini Library 5:30 p.m. Education Commission 6 p.m.	9 Intro to PowerPoint Rosewood Library 5:30 p.m. Measure AA Committee 6 p.m.	10 Task Force Committee 3 p.m. Intro to Access Bristow Library 4 p.m. Traffic Commission 6:30 p.m.	11 Intro to Computers/ Keyboarding Veterans Library 5:30 p.m. Community Services Commission 6 p.m. 	12	13 Swim Lesson Registration Rosewood Park 8 a.m.
14 Flag Day	15 “My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person... he be- lieved in me.” Jim Valvano	16 City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m. 	17	18 	19	20 Summer Reading Kick-Off Rosewood Library 10 a.m.
21 Father's Day	22 Library Commission 6 p.m. Reading Program Performer Rosewood Library 6 p.m.	23 Reading Program Performer Bandini Library 6 p.m.	24 Reading Program Performer Veterans Library 6 p.m. Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.	25 Reading Program Performer Bristow Library 6 p.m. Spanish Reading Club Rosewood Library 6 p.m. 	26 “If a June night could talk, it would probably boast it invented romance.” Bern Williams	27 Spray Pools Open All parks
28	29 “Dad - a son's first hero, a daughter's first love.” Anonymous	30		July 2015 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	August 2015 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	

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Animal Control	
M-F 8 am to 6 pm (323) 887-4460	Emergency 911
Weekends/Evenings (562) 940-6898	www.ci.commerce.ca.us

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Miss Araiza Larios Goes to Sacramento



Commerce resident Kiara Araiza Larios flew 400 miles with a group of fellow Bell Gardens Elementary School students to join Assemblymember Cristina Garcia to testify before the Assembly Education Committee. The students, along with their teacher Leslie Hiatt, were the winners of Garcia's "There Ought to Be a Law" contest. Thirty-five students attended the hearing and

five students testified in support of the legislation which advocates that the unconstitutional deportation of over one million U.S. citizens and lawful residents of Mexican descent in California during the 1930's, be included in student history textbooks and studies.

"These students worked very hard to learn all they could about the Mexican Repatriation and prepare their testimony in Sacramento," Garcia said. "I am so glad that students from my back yard are getting hands on experience in state government and by example teaching others about the value of civic engagement no matter your age or status."

Kiara agrees with the Assemblymember and says this project has enhanced her interest in government. "I like history and I want to learn more about how laws are made," the 8 year old said. "This was my first trip to the Capitol and I enjoyed being on the Assembly Floor because that is where the bill will be going after it goes through various committees."

Garcia said that when she initially visited the class, she was impressed by their work, "I was pleasantly surprised that the students had prepared skits, poems, power point presentations and a book about the repatriation," she said. "The students related how difficult it was for them to even find information on the repatriation, but as they dug and learned more, how impactful this history was to them on a personal level."

The Depression Era Mexican Repatriation initiated by President Herbert Hoover's Executive order that, indiscriminately swept up U.S. citizens from Mexican descent from dance halls, markets, theaters, hospitals and homes, loaded them into trucks and trains and deported them to Mexico - a gross violation of human rights and to date no apology has been offered by the federal government.

AB 146 passed its first hurdle, the Education Committee. The process will take some time to but we will monitor to see if this bill becomes a law. Kiara also plays on the Commerce Crush Volleyball team, 11 year olds.

Civic Duty, Swap Meets and Coffee

Started by a small group of local matriarchs as a coffee klatsch in 1949, the Women's Club of Rosewood Park has now become the longest running club in the City of Commerce. This month they will host their Annual Swap Meet on Saturday, June 13 at Rosewood Park.

Initially, the swap meet began as a way to raise money for Rosewood Park School improvements but the event has now grown to more than 100 vendors allowing the club to also contribute to the school's 8th grade graduation activities and the City's scholarship program.

Resident Sandy Cornejo joined the club with her friend Herlinda Chico when they were in their 20's. She said they were the youngest in the group. "The women who founded the club were already very active in the community like Lucy Maese, Lu Miracle and Lena Gonzalez," said Cornejo. "They

wanted younger members to help with more events. To this day the club has loyal members and we're willing to do whatever the community asks of us."

The Women's Club of Rosewood Park prides itself in the fellowship and contributions to the community. If you are interested in joining the club, please contact Past President, Sandy Cornejo at 323.726.8170.

Women's Club of Rosewood Park Annual Swap Meet

Over 100 Vendors
 Saturday, June 13 · 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
 Rosewood Park

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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 "Community Safety Specialist & 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.

Preschool Graduation recorded live from Veterans Park

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:

"Toyota Museum"
 Tuesdays at 3 p.m.
 "Viva Las Vegas Car Show"
 Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
 "Shelby Show"
 Thursdays at 8 a.m.
 "San Diego Collection"
 Saturdays at 8 a.m.

California's Green "George Stanley"

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.