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Comic Book Invasion

COMMERCERCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Saturday, July 25 10 a.m.

Commerce Prepares for a Creative "Invasion"

Comic-Con International draws nearly 150,000 attendees to the San Diego Convention Center each year. What people may not realize is this huge four-day event began as a small one-day convention in 1970 that drew about 300 comic book fans. While the Model City isn't ready for 150,000 visitors just yet, we will be hosting the very first City of Commerce Comic Book Invasion on Saturday, July 25.

The free event is open to the public and will target a teen audience but will have programming for children and adults as well. Organizing the event is Teen Librarian Eric Jaciwz who has observed a large fan base for these genres here in Commerce.

"Comic books and graphic novels involve compelling stories and heroes who inspire us," says Jaciwz. "These festivals allow for fans to Cosplay (dress as characters/heroes), socialize, and meet the creative visionaries behind their favorite comics. We also feel this will be a great opportunity to reach out to our readers and invite others to see the great programs our library has to offer.

The "invasion" will occupy many parts of the Commerce Civic Center including the Rosewood Neighborhood Library, Council Chambers and the Senior Center. The goal is to recreate the experience of a comic book convention.

"With more libraries expanding their comics and graphic novel selections, holding a local community-centered event at a library allows anyone access to meet creators and attend panels & workshops on comics, said Javier Hernandez, event co-creator. "The programming offered highlights the educational aspect of the comics medium and also creates an energetic event for the library to attract new visitors."

Below are some of the events that are slated for the Invasion:

Activities:

- Draw a Super Hero
- How to Make Comics
- Kids Costume Craft
- Teen 'zine Workshop

Discussion Panels:

- Cosplay
- Authors of Young Adult Books

Presentations: •History of Lucha Libre

For more information contact the Department of Library Services at 323.887.2270.

Library Spotlight

Hecho a Mano

Hand Made is a monthly activity for adults. This month, the Library's creative team will lead a workshop making extraordinary paper bag lanterns. This craft is the perfect way to light up your summer nights. Snacks will be served and all materials will be provided. We hope residents will participate each month as create something new and beautiful!

- Rosewood Library Tuesday, July 7th at 11:00 AM
- Rosewood Library Wednesday, July 8th at 6:00 PM
- Bristow Library Monday, July 13th at 6:00 PM
- Veterans Library Tuesday, July 14th at 6:00 PM
- Bandini Library Wednesday, July 15th at 6:00 PM

Amnesty Week

(July 6 - 11, 2015)

Do you have library items that were due a long time ago? Here's your chance to return them without penalty! The Library Commission and the City of Commerce Public Library are happy to announce this one-time opportunity to return past due items. **Here are the rules:**

- The library materials must have been due prior to May 1, 2015
- This program is open to adults and children.
- Lost mobile devices are not eligible for this program.

With a fine free library record, you can borrow library books and DVDs again, use our computers and printers, borrow e-books and e-magazines, and reserve study rooms at the remodeled Rosewood Library and so much more. Don't miss your chance! For more information please visit www.cocpl.org or call 323-722-6660

Homebound Service

Residents of the City of Commerce who are unable to visit the library due to physical or medical conditions are eligible for the homebound service. Volunteers deliver library materials to homebound residents and return them when residents are finished. Residents interested in becoming a volunteer or know someone who would benefit from this or any of the other programs, please call the Rosewood Neighborhood Library at 323-722-6660 or visit www.cocpl.org.



June 22 thru August 1, 2015

Join us for poetry workshops, craft programs, movie screenings, and a wine seminar at Commerce Libraries!

The program consists of adults completing a Library Bingo card during the duration of the program and entering for a chance to win a grand prize.

Participating is as easy as 1 - 2- 3!

- 1) Sign up at any Commerce library or on the library's website starting Monday, June 22nd.

- 2) Complete the Library Bingo card.

- 3) Turn in completed Library Bingo card at the library or fill it out online by August 1st and receive a prize. If you fill out Library Bingo card online, you will have to visit the library to pick up your prize.

For more chances to participate in the Adult Summer Reading Program's big raffle, complete book reviews online or pick up a review sheet at your local Commerce Library (two reviews per participant).

To register for the reading program and for more information, please visit www.cocpl.org.

FROM THE DESK OF JORGE RIFA CITY ADMINISTRATOR

It's July and summer is in full swing. There's no better time of year to be a Commerce resident than in summer and that's because the City offers a full slate of activities and programs to help you keep busy during these lazy summer days. For instance our Department of Library Services is not only hosting a Summer Reading Program for youth and adults but there are also poetry workshops, craft programs and movie screenings at all four local branches. These are perfect opportunities to participate in activities indoors and beat the summer heat.

Speaking of beating the heat, I'd like to remind our residents that all City facilities are designated cooling stations. Living in beautiful Southern California is a blessing but when temperatures rise we need to remember to stay in the shade, limit our outdoor activities and hydrate. Water is essential!

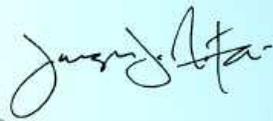
And while it might be tempting to cool down by sitting in the middle of your yard with the sprinklers on, the City is asking that you do not. Governor Jerry Brown has declared a water emergency in California and has enacted additional strict regulations that if violated, could result in stiff penalties, including fines. If you have questions about the new restrictions or conservation programs, please call Cal Water's Drought Call Center at 844.726.8579 or visit www.calwater.com. The Governor is asking and ordering that all Californians pull together to get through this terrible drought.

July is also National Parks and Recreation month and Commerce's Parks and Recreation department is second to none. The City Council will be proclaiming July as National Parks and Recreation month at the July 7th Council Meeting. Among the hundreds of programs, excursions and activities our award-winning Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for, they also produce a tremendous four-day Independence Day Celebration. That is no small feat! This event is by far our largest and most popular event of the year. Four days of food, entertainment, fireworks and fun. So please allow me to take this time to recognize the hard-working, creative team that is our Parks and Recreation Department. Thank you for all you do.

As part of our recognition of National Parks and Recreation Month, we are featuring the accomplishments of some of our outstanding athletes who have benefited from our sports programs. Please check out page five and read about the achievements of these wonderful individuals and how they have put Commerce on the map both regionally and internationally. They are definitely the pride of Commerce.

Please remember that all City facilities will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. With that, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy 4th of July!

Sincerely,




Municipal Notes

Commerce receives CAFR Award



The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Commerce by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a sig-

nificant accomplishment by a government and its management.

This is the 15th consecutive year the City has earned this prestigious award. The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, DC.

CITY OF COMMERCE COUNCIL ACTIONS

Regular Meeting of May 19, 2015

Observed Armed Forces/Memorial Day with a special candle lighting ceremony honoring the five branches of the military service and honoring those killed or missing in action.

Recognized Arbor Day 2015 Poster Contest Winners from Bandini Elementary School and Rosewood Park School as well as received the Tree City USA 2014 Award.



Presentation from the American Cancer Society thanking the City for their support of the Commerce Relay for Life.

No Action taken on the policy for the prioritization of Capital Improvement Program Projects. Will bring back after further review.

Approved grant of easements in Bandini Park by City of Commerce to the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) for the 1-710 Freeway Widening Project.

Approved the Parks & Recreation Commission's recommendation/nomination of Patricia Cardenas and Sarah Magdalena Orozco Ibarra for outstanding athletic achievements in water polo to be inducted into the Commerce Hall of Champions with an amendment to add Arsenio Ramirez for outstanding athletic achievements in basketball.

Continued appointment to Planning Commission.

Regular Meeting of June 2, 2015

Presentation of Award Certificates and Prizes to the first place winners of the Library Services Department 2015 Children's Bookmark and Essay Contest.

Commendation Honoring the 8th Year Anniversary of the Boys Council of Rosewood Park School.



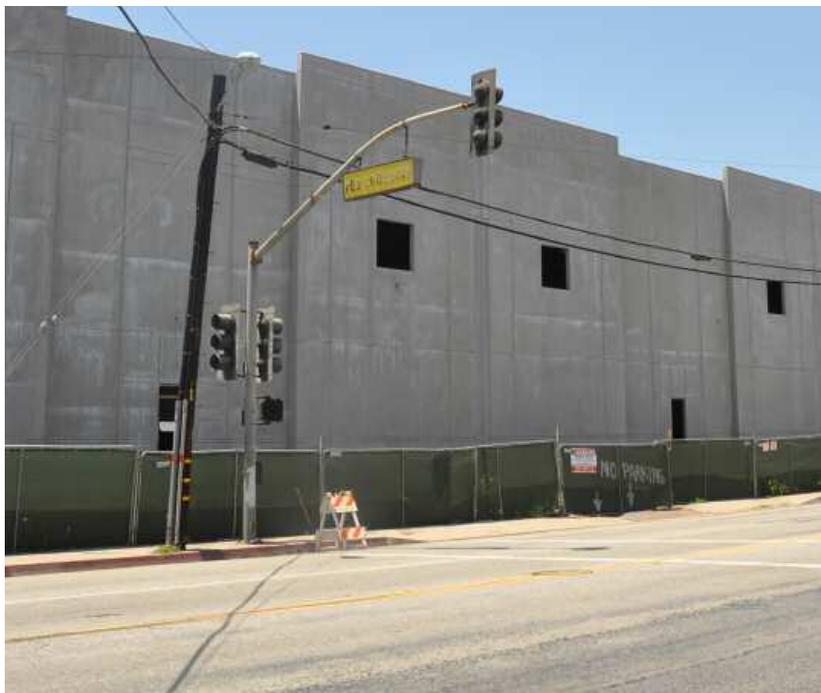
Presentation to Finance Department Staff for Achieving the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" from Government Finance Officers Association and Certificate congratulating Finance Director Domic.

Authorized staff to proceed with Option 4 to conduct a preliminary design report of the Bristow Park Sheriff's Deputy Offices and Building Improvements.

Approved re-allocation of the lease operating revenues from the General Fund to the Water Utility Fund, directed staff to develop a Public Outreach Program, set a Public Hearing date for August 2nd, initiate negotiations with Cal Water and Proposition 218 process, direct staff to develop an infrastructure assessment of the City's Water System by November 2015 for long-term capital improvement planning.

Adopted a Resolution declaring Stage 2 Mandatory Water Use Restrictions, approved the first reading of the Ordinance in accordance with the State of California's Water Conservation Mandate, set June 16, 2015 as the date for the Public Hearing and direct staff to draw up drought tolerant landscaping design.

REMOVAL OF CROSSWALK AND PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL



The City of Commerce Traffic Commission has identified for removal the crosswalk and pedestrian traffic signal located at 6040 Bandini Blvd.

The crosswalk and pedestrian signal were installed many years ago when there was an active manufacturing facility with numerous employees on one side of Bandini Blvd. and an employee parking lot on the opposite side of the street. At this time, both of those sites have been demolished and a warehouse is being built on each site. The warehouses each have their own parking and will be independent of each other. A recent professional study by a Traffic Engineering firm determined that pursuant to the latest edition of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices there is no current need for the crosswalk and pedestrian signal and recommended for their removal.

If you have any questions, please call Alvin Papa, Traffic Liaison, at (323) 722-4805 Ext. 2330 or send an email to apapa@ci.commerce.us.

Don't Let West Nile Virus be a Pest This Summer

Summer is officially in full swing and so are mosquitoes. According to recent reports, West Nile virus (WNV) is starting to make a comeback. In May, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) confirmed the second West Nile Virus positive mosquito sample in Los Angeles County for the year.

GLACVCD collected the latest sample of mosquitoes in Cudahy, following another positive sample collected in Sylmar in March. Statewide, there have been positive mosquito samples reported in six counties this year.

"As long as we have mosquitoes and water sources, West Nile virus isn't going away," says Levy Sun, the GLACVCD's public information officer. "Despite the drought, the warm weather and neglected water sources – such as swimming pools and flowerpot saucers – provide perfect conditions for mosquitoes to thrive."

West Nile virus is transmitted to people and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. There is no cure for West Nile virus. One in five persons infected with West Nile virus will exhibit symptoms. Symptoms usually occur between five and 15 days, and can include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, or a skin rash. These symptoms can last for several days to months. One in 150 people infected with the virus will require hospitalization. Severe symptoms include high fever, muscle weakness, neck stiffness, coma, paralysis, and possibly death.

Any water left standing for more than one week in containers such as flower pots, fountains and pet dishes provides the perfect breeding habitat for mosquitoes. GLACVCD would like to remind residents that even the smallest of breeding sources can contribute to a large public health problem within the Greater Los Angeles County area.

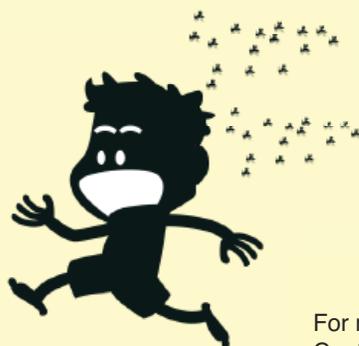
MOSQUITO'S LIFE CYCLE



Residents can take an active role in reducing the threat of WNV in their neighborhoods by following these easy steps:

- Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs or anything that holds water for more than a week
- Ensure that swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained
- Change the water in pet dishes, birdbaths and other small containers weekly
- Request FREE mosquitofish from your local vector control district for placement in ornamental ponds
- Report mosquito activity near vacant or foreclosed homes to your vector control district
- Report neglected (green) swimming pools in your neighborhood to your vector control district

For more information, residents can contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at 562-944-9656 or online at glacvcd.org.

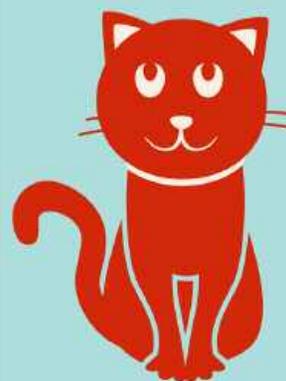


Reasons to Adopt, Not Shop

CATS



DOGS



The pet overpopulation is a nationwide crisis. According to the Humane Society of the United States, about 2.4 million healthy, adoptable cats and dogs are put down in U.S. shelters each year. That is about one cat or dog, kitten or puppy, every 13 seconds. The Humane Society suggests that the solution can start at home. Getting our own pets spayed or neutered will significantly decrease the number of unwanted litters. The next step is to consider adoption from a local shelter.

The City of Commerce is helping residents take that small step by showcasing animals available for adoption through our local shelter. The City is working with the Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control office to identify adoptable animals and feature them on a monthly show aired on the Commerce Cable Channel. The purpose of the show is to educate the public about Animal Control laws while trying to find homes for needy pets.

Once the show is aired, the City puts a 10-day hold on the animals featured. Anyone interested can meet the animals at the Los Angeles County Shelter in Downey. All animals are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and microchipped when adopted. The person adopting will pay a fee for those services. So far the division has seen success as all three animals featured on the first show were adopted into new loving homes.

"This is a great opportunity for us to educate the public about municipal code violations so they can prevent being ticketed and fined," said Laura Tilley, the City's Crime Prevention Program Coordinator. "It also allows us to help place animals with responsible, loving families. It's a win, win."

This month's topic is "Summer Safety for Your Pet". The episode will feature new animals available for adoption. For more information, contact the Community Services Department at 323.887.4460.



**Tuesday
August 4th
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

The community is invited to participate in National Night Out. Get to know your neighbors as Neighborhood Watch Block Captains host block parties.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Fire Departments will be on hand as well as the City's Community Services Officers and Urban Search and Rescue Team. Residents will be able to interact with our first responders and also with the Commerce City Council, Commissioners and staff. Crime statistics for your neighborhood will be available and information about a variety of crime prevention tips will be provided.

All parties will have hot dogs and a City gift for Commerce residents. To find out where your nearest block party is, please call the Community Services Department at 323.887.4460. NNO is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. Their motto is to "Give Criminals a Going Away Party!"



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PRINCESS PROFILE:

2015 MISS FOURTH OF JULY

Cecilia Campos

Eighteen year old **Cecilia Campos** was crowned Miss Fourth of July and Miss Friendship 2015 at this year's Miss Commerce Pageant. A recent graduate from Schurr High School, Cecilia is a volunteer at Children's Hospital, Los Angeles. She hopes her volunteer work combined with the leadership experience she gained as a three term Student Body President will help her prepare for a career as a pediatric nurse.

Here's Cecilia, 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 definitely been an eye opener. We are fortunate that our City offers so much to our residents and I see first-hand the positive impact these programs and services have on the lives of so many. I am learning so much on this journey.

What do you hope to get out of your time serving on the court?
I hope to continue to learn about my City as well as continue to create strong relationships with people. This opportunity has already allowed me to grow in so many ways, exposing me to experiences I otherwise would have not been able to have.

What does being Miss Fourth of July mean to you?
Fourth of July is important because we celebrate the birth of our great nation. It is an honor to be able to represent Commerce on this day where families and friends come together as Americans. I am certainly proud to wear the red, white and blue!

Are you furthering your education/working?
I am excited to continue my higher education at Mount St. Mary's University. I will pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and will continue to volunteer my time working with kids.

What are your plans for the future?
While there are many things I would like to do, my focus will be on academics. It has long been a dream of mine to help heal sick children. Only through dedicated studies will I fulfill my dream of becoming a pediatric nurse and working at Children's Hospital, Los Angeles.

National Parks & Recreation Month



Celebrate with Us!

City Council Proclamation
July is National Park and Recreation Month
Tuesday, July 7, 2015 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers

Recreational Swim & Family Movie Night
Thursday, July 9, 2015 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Brenda Villa Aquatic Center

Park Program - Indoor Soccer
Monday, July 18, 2015 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Park Gym

**Family Excursion -
Special Olympics World Games**
Saturday, July 25, 2015
7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. USC Loker Station

Summer 2015 Movie Nights
Monday, July 18, 2015 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Park Gym

**For details, contact the Department of
Parks and Recreation (323) 887-4434.**

Since its inception, the City of Commerce has earned a reputation for its outstanding recreational programs, state-of-the-art facilities and for producing world-class athletes. The different components of the Parks and Recreation Department make this all happen which is why the City is proclaiming July as National Park and Recreation Month.

Since 1985, Americans have celebrated national Parks and Recreation month during July to recognize the importance parks and recreation play in establishing and maintaining a high quality of life and well-being in communities. The City's recreation programs provide opportunities for residents of all ages to socialize, access special services and develop new skills while staying healthy and active. Unlike many cities, most of Commerce's programs and services are provided free of charge with a resident card or for a small fee.

The Parks and Recreation Department is staffed by approximately 240 dedicated employees that operate and maintain four parks with over 38 acres of green space, four community centers, seven ball fields, picnic shelters, outdoor exercise equipment, an indoor gymnasium featuring a full array of weights and cardio equipment, basketball courts and spray pools. The Department also operates a senior center, teen center, year round camp in the Lake Arrowhead Mountains, two snack bars and the Brenda Villa Aquatic Center. For a small city of 12,000 residents, the Parks and Recreation programs and services offered in Commerce are second to none.

In the past year, the Department achieved several key accomplishments such as establishing the Hall of Champions to recognize monumental accomplishments of Commerce

athletes and coaches. They added new events to the array of annual celebrations like the Day of the Dead and Snow Day. The Department also recently phased in online registration for many popular programs including the newly added Cross fit class. Our award-winning department was recognized with the Gold Shield Award from the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF) for its participation and service to SCMAF and athletic programming in southern California.

The Commerce Parks and Recreation department plays an integral part in the lives of many residents. It offers opportunities for regional travel, learning new skills, connecting with family and friends and making life fun!



Top of their Game in and out of Water

The Commerce homegrown athletes are some of the best in the world but what may be even more impressive is the number and caliber of student athletes the City produces. They not only dedicate hours to conditioning their body for sport, but also their mind for higher education. Six star water polo players on the girls team received full ride scholarships to a four year college or university and will be playing on their school's team. Katherine Tijerina - Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York; Lizette Perez - California Baptist University in Riverside; Samantha Flores - Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles; Jolene Miramontes - University of California, Irvine; Anastacia Gonzalez - Whittier College; and Brittney Amaya - California State University, San Marcos.

Head coach Gabriel Martinez says his girls know they must keep up the grades, it is expected and just part of the culture of playing on this team.

"We coaches partner with parents to ensure our athletes are succeeding in and out of the pool," said Maritnez. "We have three grade checks throughout the academic year. If one of our girls is struggling with her studies, we want to catch it quickly and fix the problem immediately."

This trust extends to the rest of the coaching staff that includes Esteban Garcia, Gary Singer and Diana Romero. Congratulations to Commerce's outstanding six!

Commerce's International Superstars

The talent of our aquatic athletes is so well known that many have been heavily recruited to play for other teams regionally and internationally. Eight Commerce water polo players accepted the offer to play for a struggling Baja California men's water polo team that had next to no funding or fan support.

Marki Naranjo, Ian Hernandez, Daniel Velasquez, Dominic Maldonado, Salvador Orozco, Joseph "Ricky" Ojeda, Danny Arellano and Mario Moran joined the team under the leadership of former Commerce Coach German Lopez. In May, the 19 and under team played in Mexico's Junior Olympics in Monterrey, Mexico. The result was Baja California's very first Gold Medal in water polo. It was truly a David vs. Goliath battle as the Baja team beat the reigning champions from Jalisco, Mexico. In fact, Jalisco won Gold for the past seven consecutive years.



This success has catapulted the popularity of the Commerce boys and the Baja team. Some have even been offered the opportunity to practice this summer in Mexico with the country's Youth, Junior and National teams. This may lead to a chance to compete in the Olympics for Mexico. It is the fundamentals learned through the City's Parks and Recreation programs that has helped prepare athletes for this International success.

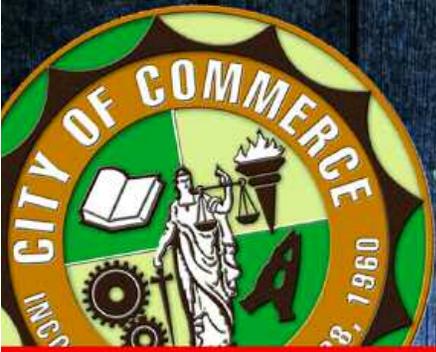


Golden Girl Fights on World Stage

Commerce's Golden Girl Pauline Viesca recently traveled to Taiwan to compete as a member of the United States Women's Junior National team at the 2015 Women's Junior and Youth World Championships. She was accompanied by her father, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Steve Viesca and her coach Andy Silva.

To get a scope of the magnitude of this tournament, there were 47 countries participating with over 400 girls competing. Pauline was one of 114 Junior girls. She was an early favorite and marked as a fighter to watch. She competed in the Light Bantamweight class and won her first bout against Kazakhstan which placed her in the top 8 of 16 in that division. She went the distance against China but lost in what many thought was a questionable decision. Pauline maintained an impressive 8th place out of 16.

The 14 year old has already established herself as a force to be reckoned with a recorded 23 career wins and 8 losses. She is also the 2011 Silver Gloves Regional/District Champion, 2012 blue and Gold Champion, 2013 Silver Gloves Regional Champion, 2013 JO District Champion, 2013 Desert Showdown Champion, 2013 Blue and Gold Champion, 2014 JO District/Regional Champion, 2014 Blue and Gold Champion, 2014 JO National Champion and 2015 Women's Junior National Champion. Can we say 2020 Tokyo Olympics?



COMMERCE CALENDAR

JULY 2015

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

August 2015

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Every Thursday
Rosewood Park
3-9 p.m.

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Senior Commission
12:30 p.m.

Teen Movie
Veterans Library 2 p.m.

Teen Video Game
Bristow Library 3 p.m.

Teen Craft
Bristow Library 4 p.m.

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Teen Craft
Bandini Library 4 p.m.

Parks & Recreation
Commission 6 p.m.

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**City Hall & Libraries
Closed**

Community Carnival
Rosewood Park
5 - 11 p.m.

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All Libraries Closed

4th of July Celebration
Rosewood Park 2 p.m.
Fireworks Show 9 p.m.

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Community Carnival
Rosewood Park
12 p.m. - 11 p.m.

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MS Word Class
Bandini Library 5:30 p.m.

Reading Program Performer
Rosewood Library 6 p.m.

English Book Club
Bandini Library 6 p.m.

Youth Advisory
Commission 7 p.m.

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Craft for Adults
Rosewood Library 11 a.m.

Teen Video Game
Bristow Library 3 p.m.

Reading Program Performer
Bandini Library 6 p.m.

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

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Task Force Committee
3 p.m.

Craft for Adults
Rosewood Library 6 p.m.

Reading Program Performer
Veterans Library 6 p.m.

Traffic Commission
6:30 p.m.

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Teen Movie
Bandini Library 4 p.m.

Intro Internet Class
Veterans Library 5:30 p.m.

Reading Program Performer
Bristow Library 6 p.m.

Community Services
Commission 6 p.m.

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Teen Movie
Veterans Library 2 p.m.

Teen Video Game
Rosewood Library 2 p.m.

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*"The patriot
volunteer, fight-
ing for country
and his rights,
makes the most
reliable soldier
on earth."
Stonewall Jackson*

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*"True patriotism
hates injustice in
its own land
more than any-
where else."
Clarence Darrow*

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Teen Program
Rosewood Library 4 p.m.

Craft for Adults
Bristow Library 6 p.m.

Education Commission
6 p.m.

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Teen Program
Veterans Library 4 p.m.

Craft for Adults
Veterans Library 6 p.m.

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Teen Movie
Veterans Library 2 p.m.

Teen Video Game
Bandini Library 2 p.m.

Teen Program
Bristow Library 4 p.m.

Craft for Adults
Bandini Library 6 p.m.

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**Proposed Water
Rate Increase Meeting**
Non-residential
Water Customers
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

Residential Water Cust-
omers
5:00 p.m.
Veterans Park

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Teen Video Game
Rosewood Library 2 p.m.

Teen Video Game
Veterans Library 2 p.m.

Teen Movie
Rosewood Library 3 p.m.

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Reading Program Performer
Rosewood Library 6 p.m.

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Reading Program Performer
Bandini Library 6 p.m.

Teen Video Game
Bristow Library 3 p.m.

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

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Teen Video Game
Veterans Library 2 p.m.

Teen Movie
Bristow Library 4 p.m.

Reading Program Performer
Veterans Library 6 p.m.

Planning Commission
6:30 p.m.

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Teen Movie
Bandini Library 4 p.m.

Reading Program Performer
Bristow Library 6 p.m.

Poetry Workshop
Veterans Library 6:30 p.m.

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Teen Movie
Veterans Library 2 p.m.

Teen Video Game
Rosewood Library 2 p.m.

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Comic Book Invasion

Rosewood Library 10 a.m.

United Family of Bristow
2nd Annual Swap Meet
7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bristow Park

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*"Americans
never quit."
Douglas MacArthur*

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Teen Craft, Part I
Rosewood Library 4 p.m.

Library Commission 6 p.m.

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Teen Craft, Part I
Veterans Library 4 p.m.

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Teen Movie
Veterans Library 2 p.m.

Teen Video Game
Bandini Library 2 p.m.

Teen Craft, Part I
Bristow Library 4 p.m.

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Teen Craft, Part I
Bandini Library 4 p.m.

Spanish Reading Club
Rosewood Library 6 p.m.

Poetry Workshop
Bristow Library 6:30 p.m.

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Teen Craft, Part II
Rosewood Library
1:30 pm

Teen Video Game
Veterans Library 2 p.m.

Teen Movie
Rosewood Library 3 p.m.

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RTTP Artículos en Español Si le interesa recibir la versión en Español de algún artículo, por favor llame a la Oficina de Información Pública al (323) 887-4447. Cuando llame, indique el título del artículo, la fecha y la dirección de su domicilio o correo electrónico. La versión traducida se le mandará.

The Gallery



FROM FARM TO TABLE



From farm to table, residents now have access to the freshest fruits and vegetables. The United States Department of Agriculture notes that purchasing at a Farmers Market also decreases the carbon footprint that typically comes with the transportation of goods by large trucks.

MORE THAN JUST FRUITS AND VEGETABLES



Commerce's new Farmers Market brings more than just fresh fruit and vegetables but features an array of local vendors selling items from fragrant flowers to hand crafted jewelry to traditional Mexican wares and more. The first month was a great success and the Farmers Market will continue to be held every Thursday from 3:00 - 9:00 pm in the City Hall parking lot.

EXCITEMENT UNLEASHED



Three graduates from the Bristow Park preschool class could not contain their excitement when they became official graduates of the class of 2015. This is just the first of hopefully many graduation ceremonies for these young academics.

GOLDEN SMILE



This little graduate was all smiles as he waited for the ceremony to begin. This year's event theme was Mickey Mouse Club.

SHE DID IT



Preschool graduate Ariana Gonzalez wowed the crowd as she belted out the National Anthem at the City's Graduation ceremony. Four years old and all the confidence in the world.

PROTECTED POOCH



This adorable pup joined dozens of family pets at the City's Annual Rabies Clinic. Residents are provided with low-cost vaccinations to make sure their pets are up to date on their shots and licensing. - Photo courtesy of Sergio Jimenez.

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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

2535 Commerce Way · Commerce, CA 90040

Residential Customer

Commerce Water Rate Increase Notice

On Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., the City of Commerce will hold a public hearing to consider proposed water rate increases for the Commerce Water System. The Commerce

Water System includes the portion of the City south of Washington Blvd to the City's southern, eastern and western boundaries and the Veterans Park area.

Residents who live in the Bandini, Bristow, Rosewood, and Rosini neighborhoods are not affected.

Reasons for the proposed increases include increased operating costs to provide safe and reliable drinking water and to implement new unfunded California mandates, namely a Cross Connection Control Program and a Water System Valve Maintenance and Replacement Program. Both are required by a new regulatory and enforcement agency, the California Department of Drinking Water. Increased operating expenses include the cost to purchase water and

power, payment of a pump tax, assessments from water districts which are outside of the City's control, customer support, labor, expertise and minor general maintenance.

Notices will be mailed to Commerce Water System customers with additional information.

The City is also holding two workshops prior to the hearing to provide information on the proposed rate increases as follows:

Non-residential Water Customers:

July 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Commerce Council Chambers located at 5655 Jillson St.

Residential Water Customers:

July 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at Veterans Park located at 6364 Zindell Ave.

Commerce City Channel 3 July 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 11a.m.,
 Sundays at 5 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 Officers & Adopt a pet"

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.

4th of July Community Celebration live from Rosewood park

Mondays at 6 p.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.

Annual Twilight Dance Concert series

Mondays at 5 p.m., Tuesdays at 3 p.m.,
 Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Thursdays at 3 p.m.,
 Fridays at 3 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m.,
 Sundays at 2 p.m.

Commerce July 5K Run Highlights

Mondays at 8 a.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.

Bristow Swap Meet Gives Back to Community



The United Family of Bristow (UFB) will hold their 2nd Annual Swap Meet on Saturday, July 25 from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm at Bristow Park. Visitors will find a variety of items for sale, both new and used, from toys, tools, clothes and home goods.

The UFB is a civic organization that has been in existence for 32 years and focused on the needs of the Bristow neighborhood. The idea was to organize neighbors to beautify Bristow Park and to be a voice for the residents. Over the years, the group has collaborated with the City to build a larger boxing room, dance room, meeting room and a larger library.

"Some people may not know that Bristow Library's first computer was donated by the UFB," said club President, Joe

Lozano. "Through our fundraising efforts we are also able to provide an annual scholarship to a Bristow resident enrolled in college."

The UFB works to improve safety and the quality of life in the Bristow neighborhood and regularly notifies residents about Neighborhood Watch meetings and has worked with the City on special projects like installing cameras on crossing bridges. Proceeds from the swap meet will allow the club to continue to provide assistance to Bristow residents.

Vendors can sign up to have a table up until July 24th. For more information, call Joe Lozano at 323.266.0502.