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Many Veterans benefitted from the valuable information provided at the City's Veterans Day Resource Fair last year.

FREE Services for Service Men and Women

The public is invited to the City's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11 at Veterans Memorial Park. Veterans Day is a nationally observed holiday to honor the men and women who have served and sacrificed as a member of the United States Armed Forces. This event will give the community the opportunity to say thank you.

The City will again partner with local organizations to offer information and resources for Veterans. Walgreens will provide free flu shots for Veterans who have their VA card as well as community members who have a medicare or prescription usage card. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will have a table with information about their Electrical Training Institute located in Commerce and the Pipe Trades will provide information about their Veterans to work program. Habitat for Humanity will be on hand

with information about their free home repair program for Veterans as well home ownership programs for qualified community members. There will also be information about various agencies that offer assistance to Veterans.

"Last year we expanded our traditional Veterans Day ceremony to include a resource fair that focused on assisting our Veteran community," said Director of Parks and Recreation Robert Lipton. "The organizations participating in this year's resource fair will benefit Veterans of all ages."

The family friendly event will feature a military static display, dignitaries, a keynote speaker and a light lunch. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 323-887-4434.



Military personnel stand guard next to the static display which allows guests to get up close to these massive vehicles.

Report to the People

The City of Commerce would like to apologize for the late delivery of the October Report to the People. Unfortunately, we encountered challenges beyond our control with one of the vendors involved in the production of our newsletter. We have since changed vendors and expect to return to a timely delivery. If you experience any problems with the delivery of your Report to the People, please contact the Public Information Office at 323.722.4805 ext. 4453.

Innovative Concrete used in repair



The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 used an innovative, rapid-set concrete mix over two weekends in October to speed repairs to the Santa Ana I-5 Freeway bridge that was damaged in a fire this past July. This mix cured in six hours instead of 36 hours, allowing the road to be closed for a shorter period of time.

This unique mixture hardens quickly but cannot experience any vibrations during curing or it may crack requiring crews to rip it out and start over, so the freeway was completely closed. Caltrans used this mix the first time last year on I-280 in San Francisco with great success. Southern California weather conditions are very different than northern California so Caltrans tested this concrete in Santa Fe Springs on September 26 where it successfully set with no cracking.

The deck over the Rio Hondo River was damaged beyond repair and was slowly crumbling. Additionally, the deck surpassed its 50-year service life, so patching it was not an option.

"The fire super-heated the girders, which rose and lifted the deck one to two inches," said Tony Brake, a Caltrans structural engineer. "The girders relaxed but the deck is still elevated and not tied to the girders. It's basically floating."

Crews installed steel plates and wood posts to temporarily shim the freeway in July, so it would be safe to drive on.

Standards have changed since the 62 year-old bridge was built and structural elements were not required of the superstructure. Shear studs will be installed to prevent this from happening again. Fences will also be installed to prevent access underneath the structure.

The majority of the southbound lanes and one northbound lane were torn out and replaced on this bridge for a length of 17 yards. This was achieved over two weekends by replacing two lanes at a time each weekend plus the northbound lane and median during the second weekend.

FROM THE DESK OF JORGE RIFA
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

November is a time for many of us to reflect on the things in life for which we are grateful. We are blessed to live in a City that has the ability to offer so much to its residents. As the City Administrator of this great community, I am thankful for the leadership of our City Council and dedication of our hard working staff, both of which keep our City moving forward. I am also thankful for the healthy financial climate and solid partnership with our business community which allows us to provide great services to our residents. I am thankful to be the City Administrator of this wonderful community.

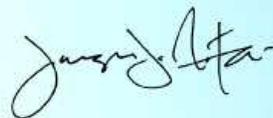
We are also fortunate to live in Southern California where the weather is always beautiful. Okay, maybe it has been a little unbearable lately but as we enter into November we hope to see cooler temperatures and hopefully some much needed rain. The change in weather will also set the mood for the many holiday activities scheduled for this month. Between the City's Library and Parks and Recreation Departments, there are several events for residents to participate in beginning with the Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park on Wednesday, November 11. Join us as we say thank you to the brave men and women who served our country. We will again be hosting a Veterans Resource Fair which provides information about services for our Veterans. We hope to see you all there.

We also hope to see you at the annual Turkey Trot 5k run. It's a great way to kick off the Thanksgiving food fest we all look forward to. The entire family is welcome even four-legged family members! For details about the event, please see page 5. And please make sure not to miss the Community Tree Lighting on Monday December 7 at 6:00 pm on the steps of City Hall. Santa will be on hand with a special surprise for all the good boys and girls.

As we get ready to close out this year, I'd like to thank residents for their patience during the many construction projects taking place throughout the City. Some of them were planned like the Washington Boulevard project and some were not like the Rio Hondo Bridge repair project. On page 1, readers can learn more about the innovative material used to repair the bridge and make it safer.

On that note, we hope you have safe holiday season. Please remember City Hall and branch libraries will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. We wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,




CITY OF COMMERCE COUNCIL ACTIONS



Resident Daniel Cortez was honored for alerting his neighbor of a kitchen fire in his home and extinguishing it before it spread.



Members of the Commerce Men's Water Polo Team were recognized for outstanding achievements in International competition.

Regular Meeting of September 22, 2015

- Presentation** to Daniel Cortez for his active engagement in crime prevention, community leadership and heroism.
- Approved** agreement with ACA Compliance Services, Inc. for TRAX ACA compliance software.
- Approved** Commerce Health Fair.
- Directed** staff to schedule a council workshop for Green Zones Working Group Action Plan.
- Approved** agreement for Consulting Services related to the Development of a strategic plan.
- Continued** item regarding reinstatement of Neighborhood Fix-Up Grant program.
- Received and filed** update on Metro Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Washington Alternative Workshop.
- Directed** staff to hold on amending the FY 2015-2016 CIP program to increase the Annual Pavement Management budget from \$4,000,000 to \$4,600,000 as recommended by Measure AA Advisory Committee.
- Approved** agreement for the Railroad Crossing Improvements with JMDiaz, Inc.
- Approved** agreement with California Commercial Pool, Inc. for lap pool piping and filtration renovation project.
- Approved** funding to conduct initial testing for contamination of the former Specific Plating facility and approval of

- agreement with Amec Foster.
- Approved** appointments to City Committees and Commissions.
- Approved** first reading of ordinance adding a reference relating to expedited and streamlined permitting procedures for small residential solar energy systems.

Regular Meeting of October 6, 2015

- Approved** adoption of a resolution declaring an emergency and making emergency pavement repairs at the Provisor Building and approving a Professional Services Agreement with Geo-Advantec, Inc.
- Continued** item regarding release of the \$500,000 Escrow "Holdback" to Morley Justman in order to address the cost of unforeseen remediation.
- Scheduled** workshop regarding the reinstatement of the City's Neighborhood Fix-Up Grant Program.
- Approved** an agreement with GRM Information Management Services for imaging and conversion services.
- Approved** appointments to City Committees and Commissions.
- Adopted** ordinance relating to expedited and streamlined permitting procedures for small residential solar energy systems – second reading.

Commerce Community Health Fair



Dozens of people participated in the "Abilities Walk" which kicked off the Commerce Community Fair. The walk focused on raising awareness about Down syndrome but was also inclusive of and celebrated the different ability levels of everyone who participated.



Miss Commerce Diana Lizbeth Lopez receives a flu shot from Walgreens. A Walgreens Pharmacist was on hand to provide vaccinations to community members, most of whom qualified to receive the shot free of charge.



Even the heat could not prevent young residents from participating in the "Kids-Ercize" fitness sessions held at the Commerce Health Fair.



Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies were on hand to talk about personal safety.



Women were able to receive free mammograms at a mobile unit provided by Inner Images.

Commerce Library Annual Children's Holiday Program



Juggler David Cousin will perform for the Commerce Library's Annual Children's Holiday Program at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers on Saturday, December 5, 2015. David Cousin has performed professional family-oriented comedy juggling

shows throughout the world and he is a holder of five world records in juggling. After the show, children will have a chance to take their picture with Santa Claus and Santa will give each child a coupon to return to the libraries and receive a free book. (Parents should bring a camera or camera phone.) Everyone will enjoy a free box lunch, courtesy of the Commerce Casino.

The program is free, but seating is limited. Tickets for the program will be distributed at all four Commerce libraries, starting at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30. (Limit 4 tickets per family please.) For more information, call (323) 722-6660.

Hecho a Mano Hand Made

Each month, library staff brings a new craft for residents to create. This month participants in Hecho a Mano or Hand Made, will make a festive leaf placemat for the Thanksgiving table. Snacks will be served and supplies will be provided – just bring yourself!

- Rosewood Library - Tuesday, November 3rd at 11:00 AM
- Rosewood Library – Thursday, November 4th at 6:00 PM
- Bandini Library – Wednesday, November 12th at 6:00 PM

Easy as 1-2-3D Printing



The cool new gadget the tech world is buzzing about is the 3D printer and the Commerce Library has one. What is 3D printing? It's a process of making three dimensional solid objects from a digital file. Objects are created by laying down successive layers of material until the entire object is created. Residents are invited to take a free beginners class to learn how to select objects to print as well as learning how to use the 3D printer. Each class size is limited to 8 people and registration is required.

All classes will be held at Rosewood Library.

- Tuesday, November 3rd at 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 10th at 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 17th at 5:00 PM

BIG DAY!
GRAND OPENING
 DECEMBER 3, 2015

Senator's Office Relocates



Senator Tony Mendoza is relocating his district office from the City of Cerritos. The public is invited to attend the Grand Opening of the 32nd Senate District Office on Thursday, December 3, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Join local elected officials and special guests as Senator Mendoza provides a brief legislative and State Capitol update. Attendees for the grand opening are encouraged to bring an unwrapped, new and safe toy for children up to age 16 for the Senator's Holiday Toy Drive. Donated toys will be given to children in need from the 32nd Senate District. Food and refreshments will be provided.

For more information regarding the event and the toy drive, or to RSVP, please contact the Senate office at (562) 860-3202.

Grand Opening
32nd Senate District Office
Senator Tony Mendoza
 17315 Studebaker Road
 Suite 332
 Cerritos, CA 90703



Living in southern California allows us to celebrate holidays in a unique fashion. One popular way is on the water, watching decorated boats. Commerce invites residents on a free excursion to see the beautiful Newport Beach Christmas Boat parade on Saturday, December 19 from 4:00 pm to 10:30 pm. Registration begins on Monday, November 16.

This holiday event has been taking place for over a century and visitors come from all over to witness the dazzling spectacle. According to the event website, the Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade began at the turn of the century. John Scarpa, an obscure Italian gondolier, and Joseph Beek, developer of Beacon Bay, the Balboa Ferry Line and the principal force in the early development of Balboa Island, arrived in the Newport Harbor area over 100 years ago. These two men established what was then called the Tournament of Lights, an event that would continue for the next century.

In 1907, Scarpa began the tradition of lighting boats by taking a group of visitors from Pasadena across the bay in a gondola decorated with Japanese lanterns. One year later, on July 4, 1908, the first lighted boat parade took place. Scarpa, along with his fellow small boat operators, put to-

gether a loosely organized affair consisting of nine vessels. The parade, illuminated by Japanese lanterns, was led by Scarpa's gondola and followed by eight canoes.

In 1913 the parade, then called the Illuminated Water Parade, was held again. The boats were judged and prizes for the best decorated and best lighted vessels were given. Another larger parade followed in 1914 and for the Fourth of July, 1915, an even larger turnout was experienced. Historians say that as many as forty launches, canoes and rowboats participated in the celebration. The spectacular event featured a derelict boat that was set afire, followed by a dramatic "rescue" of passengers, a "Battle of Fireworks" between two launches and the explosion of two underwater mines. The relatively dangerous celebration was witnessed by thousands of visitors.

This was to be the last parade for the next five years as World War I erupted and a severe depression hit Newport Harbor. It was not until 1919 that the lighted boat parade returned. Now in its 107th year, the boat parade is as popular as ever.

For more information, call 323.804.4434. All trips depart from City Hall parking lot. This excursion is for adults 18 years and older.



WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON? WHOVILLE IS HAPPENING!

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING

"Welcome all Whos far and near,
 Welcome Christmas Whoville is Here"
 Monday, December 7, 2015 Front steps of City Hall
 6:00 p.m. Sharp!

Join Miss Commerce Diana Lizbeth Lopez and the City Council as they officially light our beautifully decorated tree for the holidays. Residents will enjoy an evening of old fashion family fun, highlighting local talent, carolers and tasty treats. Immediately following the tree lighting, Santa will make a stop in Whoville, oops, Commerce.

TINY PAJAMA PARTY

Friday, December 11, 2015 Bandini Park
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Fee: \$3.00 Ages: 2-5
 Come and enjoy an evening of games, crafts and story time while wearing your P.J.'s. Adult supervision is required. Sign up at your local park beginning Tuesday, November 24, 2015. Space is limited. Current resident card required. A snack will be provided and Santa Claus will make a special appearance for photos.

NEW HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR SERIES

First Session: It's a Whoville Christmas
 Saturday, December 12, 2015 Senior Center
 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ages 15 & older.
 \$5.00 per session or register for all 3 at once and pay \$12.00.

Continental breakfast social from 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Space is limited. Pre-registration will begin Monday, November 2, 2015 at the Department of Parks & Recreation. Current resident card required. Walk-ins on the day of the event will be allowed upon availability.

SNOW DAY

Saturday, December 19, 2015 Veterans Memorial Park
 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Family fun for all ages. Ages 4 and under must sled with an adult. Free registration begins Monday, November 16 at your local park or at the Department of Parks and Recreation. All participants must bring a current Resident Card and have a signed waiver in order to participate. Sleds will be provided.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY FAIR

Monday, December 21, 2015 Veterans Park
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Ages: 5-12
 Do you know how the Grinch Stole Christmas? Come on down to Whoville and See! We're bringing this tale to life with food, games, slides, crafts, singing, bouncing, dancing and more!!!! The event is free to residents and a shuttle bus will be provided. Registration begins on Monday, November 23, 2015 at your local park. Space is limited. Current resident card required.

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Commerce Local Athletes Make Waves in International Waters

Carlos Heredia



Through his travels and competitions, Carlos has had the opportunity to meet world-class athletes like USA Water Polo Captain Tony Azevedo.

Carlos is a member of the 16 & Under Commerce Aquatics team and also plays on the Ecuadorian National Water Polo team. Carlos has been a member of the National Team since he was 13 years old and has already traveled twice to Mar del Plata, Argentina and Lima, Peru.

This young athlete started in Commerce when he was five years old, where he learned how to swim in the City's children Learn-To-Swim program with Instructor Guard Gary Singer. As he developed strong swimming skills he was recruited by Assistant Coach Luis Flores to play on the City's Competitive Aquatic Teams. Carlos' parents, Carlos and Nelly are grateful to the Commerce Aquatics program for providing an excellent foundation for their son to flourish.

Carlos continues to play for the Commerce Aquatics team as well as competing on the Montebello High School Varsity water polo team. Among his many accolades, Carlos earned his spot on the Varsity team as a freshman and received Rookie of the Year.

Alfred De La Mora



Alfred possess exceptional skills as a goalie which has helped him achieve his goal to play internationally.

Alfred credits the guidance of his Aunt for the reason he joined the Commerce water polo team at the age of 12. He attended nearby Bell Gardens High School and played all four years on the Varsity team. Following graduation, Alfred played at Cerritos College for one

season. It was then, that he decided to contact the Mexican national team coach to pursue playing water polo at the international level. A few months later he made the decision to move to Mexico City for a few months to try out for the team.

Alfred's aspirations of playing internationally have paid off. For the past two years, he has traveled the world competing as a member of the Mexico National Team. His competitions include: 2014 Junior Pan American Games - Riverside, USA; 2014 Training Trip - Spain; 2014 Central American Games - Veracruz, Mexico; 2015 Pan Americans Games - Toronto, Canada; 2015 FINA Junior Worlds - Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Ivana Castro



Ivana has become an elite athlete making a name for herself internationally and she'll continue playing around the world.

Ivana started her aquatics career when she was 10 years old after a friend suggested she should try the sport. Initially terrified, water polo became Ivana's first love and she says it still is to this day.

Ivana credits Commerce water polo coach, Gabriel Martinez, with instilling in her the drive to be the best player through hard work, dedication and staying hungry. These values and skills helped her secure a spot on the Mexico National Team. Through sports, Ivana was able to obtain her goal to attend a prestigious college and now plays for Loyola Marymount University.

The outstanding right handed attacker has traveled extensively for competition and achieved many accolades, among them are US Junior National Team Silver Medalist, NCAA Division One Collegiate Two-time Conference champion and three-time Gold Medalist at the National Junior Olympic Championship.

Fast Fact - In 1999, Women's Water Polo was added to the Pan American Games and a Commerce resident has played in every Pan Am since 2003. What's more impressive is a Commerce resident has participated in the FINA World Championships for the past 3 decades.



The public is invited to participate in a morning 5K run through the residential area of Rosewood Park. From serious runners who want to competitively run a 5K or for those who want to a nice stroll, all are welcome to participate. Pick up registration applications at your local park or at City Hall.

Saturday

November 21, 2015

8:10 a.m. Sharp!!

2535 Commerce Way
Commerce, Ca 90040

Registration Information

Free to community and industrial residents with current activity card. Cards required.

Non Residents: \$20.00
\$25.00 for late registration

Check-in and late registration

6:30 - 7:45 a.m.



The Gallery



A LITTLE HELP IN THE KITCHEN



Volunteers help distribute food provided through the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank. Seniors and low-income residents can sign up for the Emergency Food Assistance Program. There is currently a waiting list. For details contact 323.887.4460.

GREENING COMMERCE



At a special session, the City Council voted to adopt the Green Zones implementation plan which is intended to reduce pollution and revitalize the local economy through reinvestments. This is a culmination of years of hard work from community, business, labor, and City staff.

FACILITY FACELIFT



The City's facilities maintenance staff worked in the early hours of the morning to give the Bristow Park Boxing Gym some much needed TLC.

TRICKS OF THE TRADE



The City's cable division offers classes on video production. This group of volunteers is learning how to edit video footage on state of the art equipment.

NEW DINING OPTION



323 Bistro is the newest dining option in Commerce offering an affordable and healthy menu. Located in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in the Commerce Casino, the eatery will be open from 6:30 am to 11 pm. Valet parking will be validated.

KEEPING THEM SAFE



Commerce participated in the Annual Great American Shake Out, a drill to remind people what to do in the event of an earthquake. City staff carefully directed a tiny tots class out to the open park space at Rosewood Park. The drill was a success!

COMMERCE CARES



Commerce Sports Division officials wore pink to support breast cancer awareness month. From left to right: Robert Santiago, Victor Davila, Henry Garnica and Carlos Grajeda.



COMMERCE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																																										
<p>1</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends (turn clocks back 1 hour)</p>  <p>Celebration Bristow Park 1 - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Día de los Muertos Program Bandini Library 5 p.m.</p> <p>"Little Critter" Pajama Storytime Rosewood Library 6 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Advisory Commission 7 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Hecho a Mano/Hand Made Rosewood Library 11 a.m.</p> <p>3D Printing Class Rosewood Library 5 p.m.</p> <p>"Little Critter" Pajama Storytime Bandini Library 6 p.m.</p> <p>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Senior Citizens Commission 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>"Little Critter" Pajama Storytime Veterans Library 6 p.m.</p> <p>Hecho a Mano/Hand Made Rosewood Library 6 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Commission 6 p.m.</p> <p>"Little Critter" Pajama Storytime Bristow Library 6 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." John F. Kennedy</p>																																										
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Intro to MS Word Bandini Library 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Education Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3D Printing Class Rosewood Library 5 p.m.</p> <p>Intro to MS Publisher Rosewood Library 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Measure AA Advisory Committee 6 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Veterans Day City Hall & Libraries Closed</p> <p>Veterans Day Ceremony Veterans Park 10 a.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Intro to MS Word Veterans Library 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Community Services Commission 6 p.m.</p> <p>Hecho a Mano/Hand Made Bandini Library 6 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>																																										
<p>15</p> <p>"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost." Arthur Ashe</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3D Printing Class Rosewood Library 5 p.m.</p> <p>Library Embajadoras READs Center 6 p.m.</p> <p>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Intro to the Internet Bristow Library 4 p.m.</p> <p>Traffic Commission 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Spanish Reading Club Rosewood Library 6 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>International Games Day All Libraries 3 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>5K Run Turkey Trot Rosewood Park 8 a.m.</p> <p>Doctor Who Fest Rosewood Library 11 a.m.</p>																																										
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Library Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>"Enjoy this day, be present, breathe deeply, show gratitude, live with intention, be fearless, try new things." Anonymous</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>Thanksgiving Day City Hall & Libraries Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>City Hall & Libraries Closed</p>	<p>28</p>																																										
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived." George S. Patton</p>					<p>December 2015</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>M</td> <td>T</td> <td>W</td> <td>T</td> <td>F</td> <td>S</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td>31</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	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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M-F 8 am to 6 pm (323) 887-4460
Weekends/Evenings (562) 940-6898
E.L.A. Sheriff's Office (323) 264-4151

Graffiti Hotline (323) 887-4444

FREE Bulky Item Pick-up call
CalMet Services (562) 259-1239

Vector Control (562) 944-9656

EMERGENCY 911

2535 Commerce Way · Commerce, CA 90040

FREE BULKY ITEM PICK-UP FOR COMMERCE RESIDENTS

Call to schedule your pick-up at least 1 day before your regular trash day.

CalMet Services (562) 259-1239



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Preparation is Key for Predicted Stormy Weather

What is El Niño? El Niño was named by people who fish off the western coast of central America to refer to the warm current that invades their coastal waters around Christmastime. El Niño events disrupt fisheries and bring severe weather events worldwide. According to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory- California Institute of Technology, during an El Niño event, the trade winds weaken and warm, nutrient-poor water occupies the entire tropical Pacific Ocean. Heavy rains that are tied to the warm water disrupt normal winter conditions throughout the Pacific Ocean and can persist into May or June. The last two major El Niño events happened in 1997 - 1998 and 1982 - 1983. Experts are estimating 2015-2016 El Niño storms to be the strongest in years. Agencies throughout Los Angeles County are preparing for double our normal rainfall and possibly flooding and mudslides. While Commerce is not a designated flood-affected area, there are still steps residents can take to prepare for potential problems.

- Clean rain gutters and drains ahead of time to help avoid possible roof collapses and other property damage.
- Keep streets clean. The water that rushes inland to our

waterways carries pollutants from bacteria and trash. It's bad for public health and wildlife.

• Stay back from rushing water. During flash floods water can increase suddenly and water that is above your ankles can knock you off your feet.

• Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires. Electro-cution is another major source of death in floods. Electric current passes easily through water.

• Shelter from the elements is required for your animals. An ideal shelter would protect from falling rain, both with a roof and sides to prevent wind-driven rain from entering the shelter. Dog houses should have raised floors. Anyone who

fails to provide proper shelter or protection from the weather for their animals may be fined up to \$20,000 or imprisoned.

Heavy rainfall is not a bad thing especially in California where we are in the middle of a severe drought. Part of preparing for this weather may include "harvesting" the rain. Just 1 inch of rain can yield 600 gallons per 1000 sq ft of roof space. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California suggests collecting and re-using rainwater from gutters and downspouts for lawns and gardens. Doing this minimizes the amount of water flowing into your storm drains, sewer systems and local waterways. Plants and microbes prefer rainwater because it is naturally "soft" and free of chlorine, fluoride and other chemicals. The water collected in your rain barrel can also be used to wash your car or pet, rinse hands and feet or tools.

For more information, call 888.376.3314 or visit www.socalwatersmart.com and check out the residential rebates page which lists the guidelines to qualify for a rain barrel rebate starting at \$75 a barrel.



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