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CITY OF COMMERCE PRE SCHOOL GRADUATION

Excitement and a celebratory mood were in the air on May 21 as the familiar music of “Pomp and Circumstances” signaled to those packed in Veteran’s Memorial Park Stadium that the annual Commerce Preschool Graduation was starting. Students from Rosewood, Bandini, Veterans Park and Bristow were eager to celebrate their first milestone in their academic career.

The preschool graduates dressed in caps and gowns of green, yellow, red and blue marched onto the baseball field decorated with Peanuts-themed backdrops and balloons. Hundreds of cheering parents and family members held cameras, camcorders and colorful graduation balloons, eager to see their child walk across the stage and get their first diploma.

The City Council, Miss Commerce and her court, along with City staff also joined families in the festivities. With 70 graduates participating from all four parks, the ceremony was a celebration of all the things they learned throughout the year.

Following introductions, the Flag Salute and National Anthem and a few words of encouragement from City Officials, the Preschoolers sang songs that included “I Like Preschool,” “Kindergarten Here We Come,” “Snoopy” and a special rendition of “Dynamite.”

For the grand finale, each child walked across the stage, some of the boys in sunglasses, many of the girls with their hair curled, to receive their diplomas from members of the City Council to wild applause from the crowd. One young man even performed a “Dab” (a dance in which the dancer simultaneously drops the head while raising an arm and the elbow) for the jubilant crowd.

The students worked hard to earn their preschool diplomas as each park followed a curriculum that exposed the children to critical developmental skills and experiences that prepares them for elementary

school and beyond.

“Our preschool provides a great socialization program including introductory academics, arts and fitness,” said Adolfo Marquez, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation. “Parents trust us to provide structure to their kids and we do.”

Childhood experts agree that kids who attend a quality preschool, do better in elementary school and have more success in reading and math. Additionally, they are more likely to graduate from high school and find good jobs.

For over 50 years, Commerce has provided a safe and healthy learning environment for its youngest residents. Some start in the tiny tots program at 3 years of age and then the preschool program.

Most of the instructors have been involved with the preschool program or the City of Commerce for years; some for decades. They fully understand that for two hours a day, two days a week, they are making an impact on the lives of these children and they are invested whole-heartedly in the success of each child.

The program and the graduation ceremony are coordinated by the Department of Parks and Recreation under the supervision of Director Robert Lipton. The City would like to thank the children’s families for their support at home throughout the school year. The City also thanks Preschool program assistants Tina Fierro and Martha Ramos. The City commends preschool instructors Denise Barajas, Margaret De la Rosa, Gina Fierro, Heaven Hernandez, Kimberlee Martinez, Desiree Muñoz and Candace Peinado for a job well done.

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The City is in the final stages of approving the 2016/2017 operating budget, which will continue to fund quality programs and services that we offer to Commerce residents and businesses. The local economy is doing better now that we're past the recession and the City is making a financial comeback, despite the dissolution of our Redevelopment Agency. Because of this and the additional resources from Measure AA, the City Council is able to fund major infrastructure projects, such as the Slauson Sidewalk Improvement Project and this summer's city-wide Residential Street Maintenance program funded by the council at \$4 million, without sacrificing capital for our excellent social programs. We are also looking forward to new and innovative projects that will ensure that our City remains the "Model City" here in Southern California.

Speaking of major infrastructure programs, we are continuing our campaign for Metro's proposed Measure R-2, which would add an additional half cent sales tax in Los Angeles County to be used for regional transit projects. Alongside that venture is our campaign to push Metro into accelerating and funding the I-5 Improvement Project from the I-605 to the I-710 and the Gold Line Light Rail Extension Phase II Washington Boulevard Project, as well as changing Metro's Local Return guidelines.

In addition to the two major projects discussed last month, we are lobbying the Metro Board to change their Local Return policy from allocating Measure R funds based on night time residential population to allocating funds based on overall street and road miles of which we have 66 miles. Commerce provides approximately \$8 million in current Measure R taxes annually, yet only receive approximately \$175,000 from Metro for street infrastructure programs. We are hoping to change that soon and will provide further updates as they come.

I'd like to remind our residents that all City facilities are designated cooling stations. Remember to stay in the shade, limit outdoor activities and drink plenty of water.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Independence Day. Make sure to take some time to appreciate the long and storied history of our country and the freedoms we cherish, whether its freedom of speech, religion or to vote. We are all incredibly fortunate to live in this great country. Remember that all City facilities will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of the holiday. Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!

Sincerely,

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REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 7

Presented Award Certificates and Prizes to the first place winners of the Library Services Department 2016 Children's Bookmark and Essay Contest



Proclaimed June 2016 as Immigrant Heritage Month in the City of Commerce.

Commended the Net Zero Plus Electrical Training institute on the dedication of their newly retrofitted Facility.

Proclaimed Council support for State Senate Resolution titled "Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez Memorial Highway."

Established the salary level for the Classification of Camp Cook- Seasonal Part Time.

Authorized the revision of the scope of services and fee schedule from AB Engineering, Inc. for professional buildings and facility assessment services.

Received and filed a status update on Exide related activity from City staff.

Received and filed an update regarding the I-5 Project (I-605/I-710) and the Gold Line Light Rail Extension Phase II Washington Boulevard Project.

Approved the Library and Council Chamber Foyer project recommendation.

Received and filed a presentation on the City's Code Enforcement efforts currently in place.

Continued the authorization of funds for the Brenda Villa Aquatic Center Air Quality Project including repairs/improvements, future replacement of an upsized HVAC unit, re-evaluation of air quality conditions and other items.

Approved the full demolition and abatement of Veterans Park Shooting Range.

Approved a construction contract for the Annual Pavement Rehabilitation Program to All-American Asphalt

Approved a construction contract for the Slauson Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project to E.C. Construction, Inc.

Approved the First Amendment to the Development Agreement between the City of Commerce and Morley Justman (Justman Packaging) for the development of property (6300 Telegraph Road).

Received and filed a Legislative Report.

REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 17

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.

Presented City Incorporation Committee Member Valentina Bassett with a Key to the City on the occasion of her 95 birthday.

Designated the week of May 15-21, 2016 as National Public Works Week.

Approved an amendment to the I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority Agreement.

Authorized Transpo Group to provide traffic engineering services and to prepare a grant application for the Caltrans Active Transportation Program Cycle 3.

Authorized staff to terminate the City's contract with Blackboard Connect and initiate a contract with Nixle to provide the City with a mass communications system

Authorized staff to submit applications to participate in the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank Kids Cafe Summer Services Food Program.

Received and filed an update on Exide related activity.
Received and filed a presentation on the proposed measure R Ballot Measure Funding for Metro Long Range Transportation Plan.

Received and filed a report on the proposed scope of work for Phase 1 of the Green Zones Action Plan implementation.

Authorized a Notice of Intent to withdraw from the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) Workers' Compensation Program effective July 1, 2016.

Approved membership in the Municipal Insurance Cooperative (MIC) Joint Powers Authority for Workers' Compensation.

Approved the induction of Antonio Huante and Alexandra Lopez into the 2016 Hall of Champions.

Adopted the Bougainvillea as the City Flower for the City of Commerce.

Awarded an agreement to Sports Facilities Advisory, Inc. to conduct a feasibility study for an indoor recreation facility.

Energy Efficiency Financing Program Available

Sponsored by Los Angeles County and offered to the residents of the City of Commerce, the LA County Residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program is a financing program for homeowners who want to install energy efficiency, renewable energy and water-saving improvements to their properties. The improvements financed by PACE will enhance home values, lower homeowners' energy bills, reduce a property's carbon footprint and create green jobs in the area.

Examples of qualifying projects include high efficiency air conditioners and heating systems, windows, cool roofs, insulation, rooftop solar panels and smart irrigation systems, to name a few.

PACE allows the County to issue a bond to a lender, which secures funding for the installation of permanent energy projects. Homeowners then repay the loan annually through an assessment of their property tax bill.

There are two program administrators that are open to residents: HERO and CaliforniaFIRST.

The CaliforniaFIRST Program is offered for residential and commercial properties. Administered by Renewable Funding, a national clean energy finance company, CaliforniaFIRST allows property owners to finance the installation of energy and water improvements on homes or businesses through the issuance of a municipal bond, which can then be paid back as a line item on their property tax bill. CaliforniaFIRST financing doesn't rely on a credit score and does not require any money down.

The HERO Program is the most widely adopted Residential PACE Program, accounting for 90% of all projects. Similar to CaliforniaFIRST, HERO offers homeowners additional consumer protection benefits including extensive contractor training, fair-price monitoring, experienced customer service reps, and dispute resolution assistance to resolve any consumer complaints.

For more information, please visit www.lapace.org or call (877) 785-2237.



FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS FROM THE LA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

While fireworks are a fun way to commemorate celebrations like the Fourth of July, they can also be very dangerous and using any type of fireworks exposes individuals to risk of injury or even death.

Each year thousands of people, many of them children, are burned, blinded, and even

disfigured by fireworks. In addition, fireworks cause fires that cost us millions of dollars in property loss. Remember fireworks are-explosives! If not handled in a safe and responsible manner fireworks can cause first, second and third degree burns, loss of hearing, and even blindness.

The LA County Fire Department recommends viewing public fireworks displays in your community like the one being hosted by the City at Rosewood Park on Monday, July 4 at 9 pm. If you do plan on a private display, before you purchase them, make sure you purchase legal fireworks from firework stands.

In addition, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National County on Fireworks Safety offer the following tips:

- Always read and follow label directions
- Only "adults" should handle fireworks
- Use outdoors only
- Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket)
- Never experiment or make your own fireworks
- Light only one firework at a time
- Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water)
- Never give fireworks to small children
- If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trashcan
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers
- The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have

any part of the body over the firework

- Stay away from illegal explosives

Remember fireworks are not toys and that parents are liable for any damage or injuries caused by their children using fireworks.

For more helpful tips, members of the public can follow the Los Angeles County Fire Department on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/LACoFD](https://www.facebook.com/LACoFD) and on Twitter at: [www.Twitter.com/LACo_FD](https://www.twitter.com/LACo_FD).

For emergencies, always call 911.

STATE EXTENDS WATER REGULATIONS

Despite a wet winter that helped ease the current statewide drought, the need to continue our conservation effort remains urgent. As a result, Governor Edmund "Jerry" Brown has signed an executive order extending water conservation regulations through January 2017.

The regulations prohibit the following water practices:

- Irrigating ornamental turf on public street medians;
- Hosing off sidewalks, driveways, and other hardscapes;
- Washing automobiles with hoses not equipped with a shut-off nozzle;
- Using non-recirculated water in a fountain or other decorative water feature; and
- Watering lawns in a manner that causes runoff, or within 48 hours after measurable precipitation.

In addition to state restrictions and regulations, the City of Commerce restricts the following:

- Outdoor watering of landscapes will be limited to 3 days per week with assigned watering days based on even and odd numbered addresses as follows:
 - Even numbered addresses: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
 - Odd numbered addresses: Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday
 - No street addresses: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

- Outdoor watering times will be prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.;
- All leaks, breaks or other malfunctions in the water user's plumbing fixture(s) or irrigation system(s) must be repaired within 3 business days of a written notification to repair it;
- No watering of driveways and sidewalks;
- No outdoor watering during or within 48 hours of measurable rainfall;
- No serving of drinking water where food and drinks are served and at hotels unless requested by a customer;
- No public median island landscape irrigating;
- Operators of hotels/motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily;
- No re-filling and initial filling of single-family residential swimming pools or outdoor spas with potable water, except to maintain required operating levels of existing pools and spas or as a result of completing structural repairs to the swimming pool or outdoor spa.

For questions about your water usage, bill, or to inquire about resources, please contact the Cal Water Customer Center at (323) 722 - 8601 or visit www.calwater.com.

For all other water related program questions, please contact the City of Commerce Department of Public Works and Development Services at (323) 722-4805, ext. 4451.

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF WEST NILE VIRUS

Summer is officially here, which also means the return of the dreaded mosquito bite. Officials from the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) have confirmed at least three confirmed West Nile Virus positive mosquito sample in Los Angeles County for the year.

GLACVCD collected the latest sample of mosquitoes in Gardena, Sun Valley and Woodland Hills.

"These test results are all indications that WNV is active in our communities, and precautions are warranted. Residents can expect West Nile virus to be pervasive throughout L.A. County as the year progresses," said Kelly Middleton, the District's community affairs director.

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 weeks 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.

Vector control advises residents to take the necessary precautions to avoid mosquito bites by using insect repellent. Effective repellents contain EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535. Residents should also dump and

drain any standing water around the home. This prevents mosquitoes from laying their eggs in any container that can hold stagnant water.

Residents can take an active role in reducing the threat of WNV in their neighborhoods by taking the following 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 mosquito fish 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.

While West Nile virus is starting to pick up, another threat of the invasive kind is causing concern for vector control officials. The infestation of Aedes mosquitoes, featured in last December's special issue of the Report to the People) has taken hold of more than 20 communities throughout the District in L.A. County. Residents are beginning to report day-biting mosquito problems again this year in various communities. The time to search for and remove containers that hold water is NOW. Do not let these mosquitoes thrive in your yards.

City Co-Founder Commemorated with Key to the City

In late 1959, a young woman who moved to unincorporated Los Angeles County from the Midwest in 1944 joined a group of residents and businesspeople in a venture to create a City where citizens and industry can thrive without sacrificing services and benefits. On January 20, 1960, Valentina "Val" Bassett's work to help incorporate the City of Commerce was successful, but her work to make Commerce "the Model City" was just beginning.

For the next 56 years, Val has been a vital member of the Commerce community, helping to establish the Commerce bus system, the Model City Democratic Club, the Sister City club, and served as a board member for countless civic and charitable organizations, including the History Project Advisory Committee and the Senior Volunteer Food Distribution Program.

To celebrate her 95th birthday in May, the Commerce City Council presented Val with a Key to the City, the highest honor the City can give to an individual, during their May 17 meeting.

"On behalf of our family, we really appreciate this," said Annela Grajeda, Val's Daughter. "Mom had a great hand in making Commerce a great place to live and work. We honor her not only for her 95th birthday but for her civic engagement. She's a great inspiration to us all."

Bassett -- a Girl Scout Leader, secretary of the Rosewood Park Property Owners League and member of the Rosewood Park Coordinating Council -- was one of the original



members of the Citizen's Committee for Incorporation who advocated Cityhood.

In 1959, the Committee walked neighborhoods and talked to area residents about the benefits of Cityhood. This work resulted in the incorporation of the City of Commerce on January 12, 1960 which was approved by a vote of the people.

"We heard rumors that Downey wanted to annex the area where we lived which is now Commerce," Bassett said in an interview for the Commerce 30th Anniversary Oral History Project in 1990. "They didn't want the people; they wanted the industry because of the tax revenue. So a bunch of us got together: Dean Mericle, Warren Bedell, Lawrence Maese and myself were part of a nucleus. We talked with the County and we decided this is what we should do. So we sent out petitions, got the right amount and Mr. Bedell went down and registered our committee with our county and we incorporated. Just like that."

In addition to the Key, representatives from the offices of Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, State Senator Tony Mendoza, Supervisor Hilda Solis and Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard presented Val with commendations and certificates of recognition for her service and contributions to the Commerce Community.

Last year, the City of Commerce Public Library dedicated the new Valentina Bassett Children and Family Reading Room to honor Val, who is the last surviving member of the Commerce Incorporation Committee.

PRINCESS PROFILE:

Miss Fourth of July

Carina Rodarte



How has your experience been on the court so far?

From the very beginning of my reign as Miss Fourth of July, my experience with the royal court has been superb. I love attending all of the City events and functions because I become more engaged with my community and I get the chance to meet our City's wonderful residents.

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

I would like to build a better and more comprehensive relationship with my community, make connections with local leaders and learn more about my city and the people who live in it.

What is the best thing about living in the City of Commerce?

The best thing about living in Commerce is that the City offers us (the residents) numerous quality programs, activities and services that we are very lucky to have. The other great thing about living in Commerce is our community's strong connections.

Are you furthering your education/working? Please explain.

I am currently attending the California State University of Dominguez Hills where I am working on obtaining my Bachelor's Degree in Child Development. I am also a fulltime employee at Starbucks.

What are your hobbies, extracurricular activities, interests?

I am such an adventurous person. I don't usually watch TV because I spend most, if not all, of my time doing something outdoors. I love spending time with friends and family, working out and traveling. Soon I will be lucky to travel to New York with my best friend, Jazmin Diaz.

What are your plans for the future?

Upon graduation and obtaining my Bachelor's Degree in Child Development, I plan to receive my teaching credential and becoming an elementary school teacher.



Parks and Recreation Month

Ever since Commerce was founded, the Model City has earned a reputation for its outstanding parks and innovative recreational programs, as well as its state-of-the-art facilities and world class athletes. In order to highlight the wonderful programs associated with the Parks and Recreation Department, 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 237 dedicated employees that operate and maintain four parks with over 36 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 13,000 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 maintaining the Hall of Champions to recognize monumental accomplishments of Commerce athletes and coaches. They have also integrated new programs for the special needs community, including training on Autism for staff, participation in the World Special Olympics as "Fans on the Stands," and the Inaugural Abilities Walk during the 2015 Health Fair. The Department also recently installed a new batting cage area and a new walking path in Bandini Park.

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!



Bougainvillea Made the Official City Flower

The City of Commerce is adding a little color back to The Model City as the City Council officially adopted the bougainvillea as the official city flower, upon the recommendation of the Commerce Beautification Committee.

The beauty, vitality and adaptability of the bougainvillea (also known as Napoleón, veranera, trinitaria, Santa Rita and papelillo) make it a befitting flower for the City of Commerce. It is an immensely showy and tough plant that produces many flowers. It is also drought tolerant, virtually pest-free and disease resistant and it rewards its environment with an abundance of color and energy.

The bougainvillea's versatility can only be described as legendary. It can be grown in a small manageable pot plant or a sizeable

tree. It can spread itself vertically on a wall, climb up a trellis and form a beautiful crown or burst forth into graceful arches.

Not only will the Bougainvillea be incorporated into future beautification projects, but it will also be used as a branding icon for the city, which is an important component to these improvement efforts. The adoption of a City Flower also allows the City to create a sense of identity and community.

The recommendation came as part of the collaboration of the Beautification Committee with landscape architects professionals who are engaged in developing the City's beautification projects.

The adoption of a City Flower will further the City in branding itself and will enhance the quality of life of residents as well as encourage economic development around a recognized symbol.

The bougainvillea was named after French Navy admiral and explorer Louis Antoine de Bougainville during his voyage to circumnavigate the Earth by botanist Philibert Commerçon in 1769. Historians have also credited Commerçon's assistant and consort Jeanne Baré with first observing these plants. Baré holds the distinction for became the first woman to circumnavigate the globe.

Summer Reading Program 2016

The Commerce Library's Summer Reading Program (SRP) is a fun way to help children retain or improve their reading skills over the summer break – and it is completely free! Children can earn prizes for reading and everyone is invited to attend fun family shows and programs available at all of the Commerce Libraries. The Children's Summer Reading Program is open to children from the age of four through fifth grade and the Tiny Tots Summer Reading program for kids up to 3 years old. July Programs include:

Library The Tortoise & the Hare – In Space! Balloon Stories by Annie Banannie

July 5 Bandini Library @ 6:30 PM, July 6 Veterans Library @ 6:30 PM
and July 7 Bristow Park @ 6:30 PM

Library Splat! Boom! Bang! Cory Hills Percussion Storytime

July 18 Rosewood Library @ 6 PM, July 19 Bandini Library @ 6 PM,
July 20 Veterans Library @ 6 PM and July 21 Bristow Park @ 6 PM

Teen Summer Reading Program

Join us for a summer of reading, crafts, movies, and other activities.

Let's Play Teen-Created Games

July 11 Veterans Library 2 pm, July 12 Bristow Library 2 pm,
July 13 Bandini Library 2 pm and July 14 Rosewood Library 2 pm

Pennant Craft

July 25 Veterans Library 4 pm, July 26 Bristow Library 4 pm,
July 27 Bandini Library 4 pm and July 28 Rosewood Library 4 pm

Adult Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program isn't just for kids anymore. Parents and other adults can join us for a summer of reading, Loteria, movies, and other activities.

For more information on Adult SRP activities, please refer to the Calendar section or call the Commerce Public Library at (323) 722-6660.

Commerce Gallery Rewind

FORMER PRESCHOOL TEACHER HONORED



Former City preschool teacher Connie Ochoa (pictured with City employee Mary Anne Griego-Talley) was honored at the Preschool Graduation Ceremony for her many years of service.

COMMERCE DODGERS NIGHT



Miss Dodgers Kiana Hernandez with former NFL Defensive Tackle Esera Tuaolo at the Dodger Community Night.

SPRING JOB FAIR



Dozens of employers were on hand to interview job seekers at the Annual Commerce Spring Job Fair. This event has generated many employment opportunities for residents.

ROSEWOOD PARK GOES TO THE DOGS



Residents brought their dogs to Rosewood Park for the annual Rabies Vaccination and Licensing Clinic. If you missed it, please contact animal control at (323) 887-4460 for information on licensing.

ROSEWOOD SCIENCE FAIR



Seventh Graders from Rosewood Park School show off their cookie-based science project to a judge at this year's Rosewood School Science Fair.

COMMERCE HONORS OUR NATION'S HEROES



Commerce honored veterans, fallen heroes and active duty members of the military at the Armed Forces Day Ceremony at the May 17 Council Meeting.



JULY 2016 COMMERCE CALENDAR

SUNDAY

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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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<p>3</p> <p>Independence Day Carnival Rosewood Park</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day City Hall & Libraries Closed</p> <p>5K Run Rosewood Park 8 a.m.</p> <p>Celebration Rosewood Park 2 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Balloon Storyteller Bandini Library 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Senior Citizens Commission 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Movie Time Veterans Library 2 p.m.</p> <p>Hecho a Mano Rosewood Library 6 p.m.</p> <p>Balloon Storyteller Veterans Library 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Movie Time Bandini Library 3 p.m.</p> <p>Balloon Storyteller Bristow Library 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Commission 6 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Video Games Rosewood Library Noon</p> <p>Movie Time Bandini Library 2 p.m.</p> <p>Video Games Veterans Library 2 p.m.</p> <p>Movie Time Rosewood Library 3 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Teen Game Creation Workshop Bandini Library 11 a.m.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved. Franklin D. Roosevelt</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Teen-Created Games Veterans Library 2 p.m.</p> <p>Education Commission 6 p.m.</p> <p>English Book Club Bandini Library 6 p.m.</p> <p>Hecho a Mano Veterans Library 6 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Measure AA Committee 6 p.m.</p> <p>Teen-Created Games Bristow Library 2 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Task Force Committee 3 p.m.</p> <p>Traffic Commission 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Teen-Created Games Bandini Library 2 p.m.</p> <p>Hecho a Mano Bristow Library 6 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Teen-Created Games Rosewood Library 2 p.m.</p> <p>Hecho a Mano Bandini Library 6 p.m.</p> <p>Public Safety & Community Services Commission 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Video Games Rosewood Library Noon</p> <p>Movie Time Bandini Library 2 p.m.</p> <p>Movie Time Rosewood Library 3 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Movie Time Veterans Library 2 p.m.</p> <p>Everything that is really great and in- spiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom. Albert Einstein</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Where liberty dwells, there is my country. Ben Franklin</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Olympic Medals Display (ends August 5) Rosewood Library</p> <p>Movie Time Rosewood Library 3 p.m.</p> <p>Reading Program Performer Rosewood Library 6 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Reading Program Performer Bandini Library 6 p.m.</p> <p>City Council/Successor Agency 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Movie Time Veterans Library 2 p.m.</p> <p>Video Games Bandini Library 3 p.m.</p> <p>Movie Time Bristow Library 4 p.m.</p> <p>Reading Program Performer Veterans Library 6 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Movie Time Bandini Library 3 p.m.</p> <p>Reading Program Performer Bristow Library 6 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Movie Time Bandini Library 2 p.m.</p> <p>Video Games Veterans Library 2 p.m.</p> <p>Movie Time Rosewood Library 3 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country. John F Kennedy</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Last day to register Summer Reading Program All Commerce Libraries</p> <p>Teen Pennant Craft Veterans Library 4 p.m.</p> <p>Library Commission 6 p.m.</p> <p>Retro Game Night for Adults Bandini Library 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Teen Pennant Craft Bristow Library 4 p.m.</p> <p>Retro Game Night for Adults Veterans Library 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Video Games Veterans Library 2 p.m.</p> <p>Teen Pennant Craft Bandini Library 4 p.m.</p> <p>Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Retro Game Night for Adults Bristow Library 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Teen Pennant Craft Rosewood Library 4 p.m.</p> <p>Spanish Reading Club Rosewood Library 6 p.m.</p> <p>Retro Game Night for Adults Rosewood Library 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Movie Time Bandini Library 2 p.m.</p> <p>Movie Time Veterans Library 2 p.m.</p> <p>Movie Time Rosewood Library 3 p.m.</p> <p>Video Games Rosewood Library 3 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Summer Reading Program Reporting Ends All Commerce Libraries</p>
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National Night Out

Commerce residents will come together the evening of Tuesday, August 2nd to celebrate the 33rd Annual National Night Out in an effort to promote community participation, crime prevention education and police partnerships.

The block party barbecues will be hosted by Commerce's Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. The City supplies hot dogs, buns, tables, chairs and a small gift for all attendees. This event gives neighbors the opportunity to connect and discuss what is happening in their communities.

Members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department and the City's Community Services Officers, staff and elected officials will visit each location to speak with community members about any issues or concerns.

National Night Out now involves over 38 million people and 16,124 communities from all 50 states, US Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

Commerce residents are encouraged to join in this great public safety event. A list of block party locations will be available this month through the Community Services Department at (323) 887-4460.



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July 2016 Featured Highlights

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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 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 Rosepark

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.