

Report to the People

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County Sales Tax Hike on the November Ballot



Improvements to the I-5 freeway, which is currently running at 150% capacity, is scheduled for a construction start date of 2036, according to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Expenditure Plan.

Located between the I-5 and the I-710 Freeways, Commerce has long considered transportation and mobility a vital economic development issue. With more than 1,800 businesses and more than 45,000 employed in the Model City, the freeways are critical economic arteries for the City's quality of life as well as the wellbeing of the Los Angeles basin. The I-5 and 710 corridors are job rich and essential to the three million households in Los Angeles County.

In November, Los Angeles County voters will decide whether or not to approve Measure M, which would impose an added half-cent sales tax all across Los Angeles County. The tax hike would generate at least \$860 million annually for transit projects in Los Angeles County.

If approved by a two-third margin required to raise taxes in accordance with California law, the half-cent tax hike would start in 2017, permanently increasing the current half-cent sales tax from Measure R to a full one percent in 2039 and would continue permanently unless repealed by the voters in the future. Measure R was approved by voters in 2008 as a temporary tax increase and is currently set to expire in 2039.

Like the existing Measure R transit tax, Measure M would allocate funds generated by the tax increase for specific transportation projects outlined in an expenditure plan created by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the prime sponsor of the proposed measure. The measure's expenditure plan passed by the Metro Board of Directors in June, includes 44 projects, 19 of which were recently added to the Measure R expenditure list.

According to the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Measure would include new highway projects, new rail and bus rapid transit projects, maintenance and replacement of aging transit system and enhanced bus and rail service. The goal of the Measure is said to be to improve freeway traffic flow, improve streets and roads, and expand rail and bus service.

During the July 19 City Council meeting, the Commerce City Council approved a resolution opposing the LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's expenditure plan for Measure M. The Commerce City Council is opposing Measure M because they do not believe it is fair to the community and our industrial residents who will be paying taxes for years before they see any improvements to local freeway and public transportation infrastructure. Also, projects in the Southeast are being leapfrogged by higher profile projects in more affluent areas located in the westside of the County.

One such project "leapfrogged" is the I-5 Improvement Project from the I-605 to the I-710, which would reconstruct the I-5 Freeway from the I-605 to the I-710 and add an additional lane on each side. Under the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's expenditure plan, the start date for the I-5 improvement project would be delayed until 2036 while newer projects like the proposed \$9 billion Sepulveda Pass Tunnel project would begin in 2024. Experts agree that the I-5 is currently running at 150% capacity, contributing to longer commutes, wasted fuel, increases in carbon emissions and dangerous health risks. The I-5 was designed to carry up to 175,000 vehicles per day; today it carries 275,000; and in 15 years, it is estimated to be 500,000.

The Commerce City Council also cited the disproportionate local return policy (tax money allocated to the City for city projects based on residential population) as another reason to oppose the measure.

Currently, Commerce generates about \$8 million a year in Measure R sales tax revenue for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, but annually only gets back about \$150,000 for local projects. If Measure M passes, the City would contribute \$16 million of sales tax revenue a year to the County and would receive around \$300,000 annually for its own local transportation projects.

Also opposing Measure M are the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG), which includes cities such as Norwalk, Lakewood, Pico Rivera, Downey, and Santa Fe Springs. Also opposing Measure M are the South Bay COG, which includes cities such as Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hermosa Beach and Lawndale.

The San Gabriel Valley COG, the City of Los Angeles and LA County Supervisor Mike Antonovich are among those supporting the Measure.

The City is interested in hearing your opinion on the proposed sales tax and strongly encourage you to attend one of the upcoming community information meetings to be announced, where you will have an opportunity to ask questions, express your concerns and make up your own mind if Measure M is fair to Commerce and the Southeast region.

If you have any questions, or would like more information on Measure M or the community information meetings, please contact the City Administrator's Office at (323) 722-4805, or attend an upcoming City Council meeting.

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CITY OF COMMERCE COUNCIL ACTIONS

Election Day is fast approaching, with Commerce voters helping to decide on federal, state and local races. Among the many state and local measures being put to voters is Measure M, which readers can learn more about on the front page. While the Commerce City Council has decided to oppose Measure M, it is important that all residents of the City of Commerce form their own opinions based on the facts and information being presented to them. Remember that your voice counts and the most important way to let your voice be heard is by voting. The deadline to register to vote for the November 2016 General Election is October 24.

If residents need help getting informed about the important issues on the November 8, 2016 ballot, the Commerce Public Library is partnering with the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles for a Voting Basics workshop on October 3. Turn to page 4 for more information on the workshop.

Fall has officially arrived here in the City of Commerce, which means shorter days, colder nights and the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. For the next three months, City staff will be working hard to bring residents exciting and festive activities, programs and events beginning with Halloween this month.

Halloween is celebrated this month and the Department of Parks and Recreation has several activities planned including a Costume Parade that begins promptly at 6 p.m. at all parks, on Oct. 31. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (323) 887-4434. If you or family members are going trick or treating this year, be sure to read our Halloween safety tips on page 5.

Community Services is collecting donations for this year's Holiday Cheer program that starts with Thanksgiving and runs through December. To donate or sponsor a family, please contact the Community Services Department at (323) 887-4460. Please get involved and help those Commerce families and individuals in great need get through the holiday season!

With that, I hope everyone remembers good common sense while trick or treating. Use well lit paths, choose safe houses, examine all sweets before eating and wear flame resistant costumes that are visible to motorists. Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Sincerely,

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REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6

Recognized Tina Fierro for her courageous actions.



Proclaimed the month of September 2016 as National Preparedness Month.

Recognized 22 businesses in Commerce as "Good Corporate Citizens."

Received and filed the 2016 Local Agency Biennial Notice and update the Conflict of Interest Code.

Accepted the work performed by MTM Construction, Inc. for the Central Library Renovation Project.

Authorized the expenditure of \$110,000 in Measure AA funds for the required design and construction of the City-wide Bus Shelter Beautification Project.

Approved a Fund Trade agreement for the exchange of Surface Transportation Program Local Funds with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Approved an agreement with Bob Murray and Associates to conduct recruitment for a new Deputy Director of Engineering Services.

Approved an agreement with the Rio Hondo Community College District, to provide training for the City of Commerce Urban Search & Rescue Team.

Approved a request for co-sponsorship of Green Benefits Workshop with East Yard Community for Environmental Justice and Liberty Hill Foundation.

Approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the Commerce municipal code adding an art in public places program.

Received and filed an update on Exide related activities from DTSC representatives and City staff.

Received and filed a report regarding stormwater activities for the City of Commerce.

Received and filed a report regarding the parking situation near Steven's Steakhouse.

Received and filed a report regarding five technological security options for the City of Commerce.

Accepted the work performed by Horizons Construction Company for the Metrolink Station Parking Lot, ADA, and Lighting Improvement Project.

Approved changes to All American Asphalt's contract for pavement improvement and authorize Transtech to provide construction and project management-related services for the Teen Center Parking Lot Pavement Rehabilitation among other projects.

Approved an Agreement with Avocette Technologies to

allow for the implementation of the City's new Land Management System.

Received and filed a status report on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Measure M ballot measure scheduled for the 2016 November 8, 2016 election.

Approved a new and updated Commissioners Handbook.
Discussed a proposed ordinance that would protect seniors from landlords seeking to evict long-term elderly tenants to raise rents

REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 16

Received and filed presentation by Citadel outlets regarding 5th Annual Commerce Clean-Up Day.



Commended Rodrigo Gallegos for his countless achievements and many years of dedicated service to the City of Commerce.

Commended Irma Flores for earning the 2016 Older American Recognition Award.

Recognized Mark Jimenez for being selected as Mr. Teen California 2016.

Amended a resolution regarding the vacation of a portion of Sheila Street.

Authorized staff to issue a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFQ) for Citywide Wayfinding Design Services

Approved an agreement with the County of Los Angeles Probation Department to provide a Prevention and Intervention Program.

Received and filed a presentation on the Brenda Villa Aquatic Center Air Quality Evaluation.

Approved the City of Commerce Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.

Authorized Elie Farah, Inc. and Transtech Engineering, Inc. to proceed with interim civil engineering design services.

Continued a proposed modification to Washington Boulevard plans for access at Arco Gas Station and Commerce Square Area east of Fidelia.

Authorized \$10,000 to prepare educational materials on the impact of the proposed Metro Measure M Transportation Plan scheduled for the November ballot.

Scheduled a workshop with the Union Pacific Railroad to discuss community impacts resulting from railroad operations.

Continued an item regarding a Commissioners Handbook.

Made appointments to various Committees and Commissions.

THE CODE ZONE: **Bulky Items** Public Safety & Community Services Department

Let's talk trash, specifically, how to get rid of bulky items and the proper storage of trash cans. No one likes to see garbage strewn about the city; it is frustrating and unsightly, it can affect property values and be potentially dangerous. Fortunately, the City of Commerce has a solution: residents living in a single-family home or in a multi-family dwelling with 4 units or less can have their bulky items picked up for free. All they have to do is call Cal-Met Services, Inc., the City's waste contractor, one day before their regular trash collection.

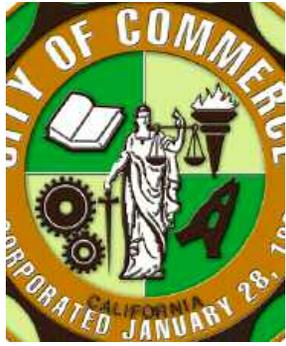
Bulky items include household goods that don't fit into your regular garbage cans, such as appliances, furniture, branches, carpet, etc. If you're disposing of a refrigerator or a stove, the doors must be taken off the hinges or tightly secured. Things like tree stumps or metal pipe should be less than 4ft in length and weigh less than 40 lbs. Just remember to schedule a pick-up by calling Cal-Met at 562-259-1239 or fill out a bulky item request form on their website at www.cal-metservices.com at least 24 hours prior to your regular trash

collection day. Items should be placed curbside by 6 a.m. on your collection day for pick-up. It's that easy!

Those living multi-family dwellings which exceed 4 units should contact their landlord or apartment manager for information regarding the property's privately contracted bulky item removal services.

Now that the garbage and the bulky items are gone, remember not to leave your trash cans, green waste and recycle bins out. City of Commerce Municipal Code states trash cans should not be left out more than 24 hours prior to and/or after your scheduled garbage pick-up day. Trash cans should then be stored away from public view. Keep these things in mind and voilà. Property values stay up, you don't get a Notice of Violation from Code Enforcement, and everybody wins.

If you have any questions regarding disposing of bulky items, or any other Code Enforcement matter, please call 323-887-4460.



Commerce Cares: Education and Awareness Fills the Month of October

The Commerce City Council proclaimed October as Breast Cancer Awareness month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Down Syndrome Awareness Month, Crime Prevention Month and Bullying Prevention Month. All five causes are nationally recognized in October and the City is helping to bring awareness to the community about these topics. To get more information about any of these topics, call the Public Safety and Community Services Department at (323) 887-4460. The City libraries will also feature books that focus on each of these causes.

Breast Cancer Awareness:



According to the American Cancer Society, each year over 200,000 American women are diagnosed with breast cancer. Fortunately, through awareness and education, the percentage of women 40 years of age and older who report having had a mammogram has held steady at around 67% and breast cancer death rates are steadily decreasing, due in part to improvements in screening and treatment.

You can take steps to detect the disease in its early stages by scheduling a mammogram with your doctor and/or encouraging others to get tested.

Domestic Violence Awareness:



Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender. According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, abuse is a repetitive pattern of behaviors to maintain power and control over an intimate partner. These are behaviors that physically harm, arouse fear, prevent a partner from doing what they wish or force them to behave in ways they do not want.

Each year, many cases of domestic violence are reported in the media, bringing much needed attention to an issue that has not traditionally been talked about openly because of the shame and guilt associated with it. The City wants to talk about it and hopefully through dialogue and education, ultimately prevent acts of domestic violence. Our Public Safety and Community Services Department has many resources for those experiencing domestic violence.

If you are a victim of domestic violence, you can seek help with the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 978-3600.

Down Syndrome Awareness:

October is also Down Syndrome Awareness month, which is a chance to spread awareness about down syndrome as well as celebrate people with down syndrome. According to the National Down Syndrome Society, one in every 691 babies in the United States is born with Down syndrome. Making down syndrome the most common genetic condition. Approximately 400,000 Americans have Down syndrome and about 6,000 babies with Down syndrome are born in the United States each year.

Individuals with Down syndrome are becoming increasingly integrated into society and community organizations. Due to advances in medical technology, individuals with Down syndrome are living longer than ever before. In 1910, children with Down syndrome were expected to survive to age nine. With the discovery of antibiotics, the average survival age increased to 19 or 20. Now, with recent advancements in clinical treatment, as many as 80% of adults with Down syndrome reach age 60 and many live even longer.

Bullying Prevention Month:

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance and can take the form of verbal, physical, or via the Internet. It can severely affect the victim's self-image, social interactions, and school performance—often leading to insecurity, lack of self-esteem, and depression in adulthood. School dropout rates and absences among victims of bullying are much higher than among other students.

Studies have shown that children who have been identified as a bully by age eight are six times more likely to have a criminal conviction by age 24. Children who are bullies may continue to be bullies as adults, and are more prone to becoming child and spouse abusers.

Crime Prevention Month:

October is also designated as Crime Prevention Month, which focuses on ways local authorities such as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, can work with members of the community to prevent crimes. The month-long commemoration reflects the adage that prevention pays off and that citizen involvement in crime prevention can and has played a vital role in helping many communities stay safe.

Crime Prevention Month recognizes successful crime prevention efforts on the local, state, and national levels to generate interest and enthusiasm for prevention efforts to continue to grow even stronger and become more widespread.

Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer. To join the Commerce Neighborhood Watch, contact Robert Taylor at (323) 887-4460 ext. 2970.

Commission Profile: Library Commission

The Commerce Public Library System has long been considered a cornerstone of the community, providing important resources to students, employees, job seekers and patrons of all ages and backgrounds. While the Commerce City Council funds and supports the department, members of the community play a vital role in ensuring the Commerce Public Library system is among the best in the Nation.

The Commerce Library Commission provides policy advice and recommendation to the City Council with respect to the creation, establishment and maintenance of the Commerce Library system for the City of Commerce. The group consists of five residents appointed by each member of the Commerce City Council, with a chairperson and vice-chairperson chosen amongst the commissioners.



Members of the Library Commission include:

- Chairperson Beatriz Mancía
- Vice-Chairperson Lettie Jaramillo
- Commissioner Antonia Lupercia
- Commissioner Olga Ureña
- Commissioner Ernie Vela

Beatriz Sarmiento, the Director of Library Services, serves as the staff liaison for the group, providing updates on library programs and events. The Commission does not have the authority to oversee day to day operations, create policy or order staff.

The Library Commission meets every fourth Monday of each month at the Council Chambers at 6 p.m. Commission meetings are open to the public, with a public comment period available at the beginning. To learn more about library services and programs visit the Library's website at www.cocpl.org.

The Commerce City Council appoints several Commissions and Committees to advise on issues related to specific topics. These community-based bodies play a vital role in bringing transparency, change, and growth to the City of Commerce. These Commissions and Committees serve to represent the community as well as perform other important functions.

Citizens interested in serving on a particular Commission, Committee or Board should complete an "Application for Appointment" and submit it to the City Clerk's Office via email at cityclerk@ci.commerce.ca.us, fax (323) 726-6231 or in person at City Hall. The applications are accepted on a continuous basis and are retained in the active file for two years.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk's office at (323) 722-4805, ext. 2342.

Commerce Teen Read Week



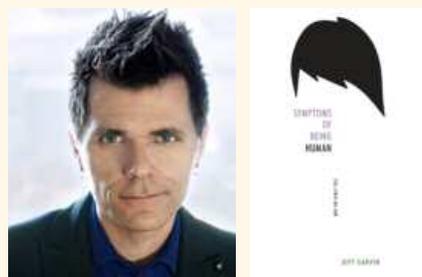
In Celebration of Teen Read Week (October 10-15), we'd like to remind you of some of the great authors who have visited the City of Commerce Public Library and highlight a few of their books!



Gretchen McNeil has been many things... an opera singer, a clown, and, of course, a writer! *Ten* and *3:59* are perfect reads for teens, on a Halloween night. In *Ten*, the party that was supposed to be the weekend of their lives, quickly turns into a battle for survival. The only clue they have is a sinister message: Vengeance is mine. Just don't read it with the lights off!



Marisa Reichardt can usually be found huddled over her laptop in coffeehouses or swimming in the ocean. *Underwater* is her compelling debut novel and tells the story of a teen struggling to move on with her life. When we first meet Morgan, she feels trapped in her apartment... afraid to move past the front door. What is it that has caused Morgan's agoraphobia? How can she move on with her life? No spoilers here! But, Reichardt offers a moving tale about coming to terms with the past.



Before becoming a novelist, **Jeff Garvin** acted on TV and toured as the lead singer of a rock band. His stereotype-defying debut novel, *Symptoms of Being Human*, features the story of Riley, a gender fluid teen, trying to fit in at high school. Riley asks some important questions: What is it that makes us who we are? Can we be who we are, when others feel threatened by it? There are no easy answers here, but a witty read sure to provoke thought.

Commerce Library News



More than \$80,000 in scholarships were given to 78 students pursuing higher education at the City of Commerce Annual Scholarship program. Thank you to all the donors especially the Commerce Hotel and Casino for your generous donations.

Harry Potter Day at the Commerce Library

Calling all wizards and muggles! To celebrate the release of the newest Harry Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" and to count down to the release of the new movie, "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," the Commerce Library is hosting Harry Potter Day from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15 at the Rosewood Library. All children, teens, adults and families are invited to join us for an afternoon of crafts, activities, raffles and a costume contest. For more information, call the Commerce Library at (323) 722-6660.

Voting Basics

Wondering if your vote matters? Curious about the voting process? The Commerce Public Library is partnering up with the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles for a Voting Basics program on Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosewood Main Library.

The Voting Basics program will provide information on ways to prepare yourself for the election in November. Let your voice be heard and feel comfortable and confident on Election Day. If you still need to register to vote, don't worry. Registration forms and online registration will be available at this event. Light dinner will be provided at 6:00 p.m. before the program begins. This program is a non-partisan event and is open to everyone.

Paint Night

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and join us for Paint Night on Friday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosewood Main Library. Artist Connie Flores will walk you step by step on how to paint a beautiful painting while enjoying aguas frescas, hot chocolate and other refreshments. This program is free. Please call to sign up or visit any Commerce Library to register. Hurry! Space is limited!

Washington Boulevard Update



Drought tolerant Date palms have been planted on the medians through Washington Boulevard to bring much needed beauty to the important transit corridor.

The \$40 million Washington Boulevard Widening project, which reconstructs and widens the 2.7 mile segment of Washington Boulevard between Indiana Street to the Santa Ana (I-5) Freeway, is currently on schedule, on budget and is slated for completion Spring of 2017.

The majority of roadway widening work is already complete with the exception of Caltrans freeway ramps and segments east of Fidelia Avenue. Street lights and new sidewalks have been installed along the corridor.

Street medians are currently being constructed along with the planting of date palms to replace the iconic palm trees taken down during the construction

Washington Boulevard is a major east-west corridor that passes through Commerce. It serves as one of the significant connectors between the I-710 and I-5 Freeways carry-

ing approximately 35,000 vehicles per day, 25% of that being truck traffic.

The project will improve truck circulation and current level of service operations by reducing delays and traffic while improving the overall air quality. The project also features enhanced ADA compliant sidewalks and LED energy saving retrofit for street and pedestrian lights to increase pedestrian and vehicle safety through this heavily used transportation corridor.

For more information on the Washington Boulevard Widening project, you can visit the Washington Blvd website at www.washingtonblvdcommerce.com, follow the project on Twitter @WashBlvdProj, or call the Washington Boulevard Project hotline at (888) 705-4009.

Commerce Aquatics Swim Team Competes at Junior Olympics



Commerce Swimmers made quite a splash at the Southern California Swimming Junior Olympics. (L to R: Alexa Gimenez, Delilah Moreno, Angelica Limon, Aleaha Gonzalez)

In late July, the Commerce Aquatics Swim Team sent 9 swimmers to Riverside to compete at the 2016 Southern California Swimming Junior Olympics. Commerce swimmer Alexa Gimenez (age 10) placed 2nd in the 50 Free, 100 Free, & 50 Fly. She also placed 3rd in the 200 Free, 4th in the 100 Fly and 5th in 50 Back. Alexa set new team records in the 50 Free, 100 Free, 200 Free, 50 Back, 50 Fly & 100 Fly. Swimmer Delilah Moreno (age 10) also made finals in the 50 Free.

Over 1,100 athletes from approximately 42 swim teams throughout Southern California and western Nevada competed in the five-day event, which was held at the Riverside Aquatics Complex for the fifth straight year.

The Commerce Swim Team will be conducting tryouts as they start their new season next year. If you are over 6 years old and love to swim, stop by the Brenda Villa Aquatic Center with your swim suit and towel and train to be the next Commerce swimming champion.



Alexa Gimenez



Delilah Moreno

Commerce Wishes You a Safe and Fun Halloween

Halloween is a fun holiday, but it can also be dangerous. The City encourages parents to take their trick-or-treaters to the programs being held at Commerce parks like the Halloween Costume Parade. But while in the neighborhood, families should follow these simple Halloween safety tips provided by the National Crime Prevention Council:

- Kids should carry flashlights or mark their costumes with reflective tape so motorists can see them.
- If kids go trick or treating without an adult, they should travel in groups; the larger the better. Groups should stick to visiting familiar households.
- Kids should never go inside someone's home and should only go to houses with the porch light on.
- Parents should check all treats thoroughly before kids eat them.
- Set a time limit for children to trick-or-treat. Together, map out a safe route so you know where they'll be and remind them not to take shortcuts through back yards, alleys, or playing fields.
- Kids need to know not to eat their treats until they get home. Feeding them a meal or substantial snack beforehand may prevent dipping into treats.
- Eat only unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers.
- Costumes should be flame-retardant so the children aren't in danger near candlelit jack-o-lanterns.
- Encourage kids to wear comfortable shoes.
- Most of all, have fun!

The City of Commerce will also be hosting a number of Halloween events this year.

Dia de Los Muertos Celebration

Sunday October 30, 2016

1 p.m.-5 p.m. at Bristow Park

Join us in celebrating and honoring our loved ones that have passed away. Activities include: children's craft workshop, music, food, dancing, unique altars and more. All ages welcomed.

Halloween Costume Parade & Games

Thursday October 31, 2016

6 p.m.

All Parks – Free to all ages

Trophies will be awarded to various age groups, best decorated pumpkin and best pet costume.

Halloween Park Program 2016

Registrations for Halloween park activities begin Monday October 24, 2016 at your local park. All activities but the Goblin Giveaway are for ages 6-12.

Spooktacular Crafts

Wednesday October 26, 2014

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Join us as we make the creepiest craft ever.

Something's Brewing

Thursday, October 27, 2014

3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Come see what we have cooking in the caldron.

Pumpkin decorating

Friday, October 28, 2014

4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Bring your pumpkins and we will supply safe carving tools, stickers, paint, glitter, flickering lights, etc. Staff will assist you in transforming your pumpkin into a Jack O lantern.

Goblin Give-Away

Monday October 31, 2016

Free Ages 3-10 years

Goblin will be calling between 8:30-8:45 p.m. Make sure you're home for your chance to be the lucky winner! Goblin winner can pick up their prizes at the park where the registered, beginning Saturday Nov. 1, 2016.

Transportation Department

NEW 2016 MCI Buses Delivered

On September 8, 2015, the City approved the lease of two Excursion buses. Both buses were delivered to Transportation in August 2016. These buses have all the state-of-the-art technology installed and shall be used primarily to transport passengers to/from Camp Commerce.



NEW

Transit Mobile App

Get out your Smart Phones, Commerce's real-time transit bus app is here.

No more wondering if you missed your bus. Take the guess work out of planning your trip through the City of Commerce.

The "CC Transit" app provides real-time arrival information for the City of Commerce Transit System. Use the app to mark favorite stops and routes, set reminders, get alerts via text message regarding delays or service changes, provide feedback and access general information about CC Transit. Best of all, you can track your bus in real-time on the live map to see your bus exact location and receive estimated arrival times at your particular bus stop. The App is fun, easy to use and best of all it's **FREE!**

Features:

- Locate nearby bus stops;
- Search for bus stops by tapping on the map;
- Get GPS real-time information;
- Get published bus schedules;
- Track current bus locations;
- Watch the bus live across the map;
- Bookmark your favorites bus stops; and
- Receive latest news and information on CC Transit app;

CITADEL OUTLETS EXPRESS Bus Line		Free 7 days a week														
Citadel Outlets Express Monday-Sunday		Express Service from Downtown LA to Commerce														
Ruta de Citadel Outlets Express - Lanes & Durango		Bus Schedule info: (323) 887-4419 or www.ci.commerce.ca.us														
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Union Station Gateway Plaza & Center St	7:25	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:05	11:55	12:30	1:30	2:00	2:50	3:50	4:15	5:15	5:40	6:40	8:45
1st St & Los Angeles St				10:34	11:09	11:59	12:34	1:34	2:04	2:54	3:54	4:19	5:19	5:44	6:44	8:49
Grand Ave & 2nd St				10:37	11:12	12:02	12:37	1:37	2:07	2:57	3:57	4:22	5:22	5:47	6:47	8:52
Grand Ave & 5th St				10:40	11:15	12:05	12:40	1:40	2:10	3:00	4:00	4:25	5:25	5:50	6:50	8:55
Olympic & Figueroa (LA Line)				10:45	11:20	12:10	12:45	1:45	2:15	3:05	4:05	4:30	5:30	5:55	6:55	9:00
Washington Blvd & Hazard St	7:40	8:45	9:45	11:00	11:35	12:25	1:30	2:05	2:50	3:50	4:20	5:20	5:50	6:20	7:20	9:25
Washington & Atlantic	7:41	8:46	9:46	11:01	11:36	12:26	1:31	2:06	2:51	3:51	4:21	5:21	5:51	6:21	7:21	9:26
Washington & O'Neil	7:41	8:47	9:47	11:02	11:37	12:27	1:32	2:07	2:52	3:52	4:22	5:22	5:52	6:22	7:22	9:27
Washington & Gower	8:35	7:42	8:48	9:48	11:03	11:38	12:28	1:33	2:08	2:53	3:53	4:23	5:23	5:53	6:23	9:28
Washington & Lau	8:34	7:43	8:49	9:49	11:04	11:39	12:29	1:34	2:09	2:54	3:54	4:24	5:24	5:54	6:24	9:29
Telegraph & Broadway (Lanes)	6:40	7:45	8:52	9:52	11:06	11:40	12:32	1:36	2:12	3:08	4:08	4:30	5:30	6:03	7:08	9:18
Arrive Citadel Outlets	6:43	7:47	8:55	9:55	11:10	11:44	12:35	1:39	2:15	3:10	4:10	4:35	5:35	6:05	7:10	9:20

For more information, contact the Commerce Transportation Department at (323) 887-4419 during normal business hours or visit the Commerce website at ci.commerce.ca.us.

Commerce Gallery Rewind

COMMUNITY JOB FAIR



Hundreds of people attended the Commerce Community Job Fair hoping to get a job, with dozens of employers looking to fill approximately 1,000 positions.

OLDER AMERICAN AWARD



Resident Irma Flores was honored by the Commerce City Council for receiving the 2014 Older American Recognition Award. Flores is pictured with City Commissioners Laura Perez, Sandra Jimenez and John Diaz.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY AT THE SENIOR CENTER



Former Commerce employee Beret Norsworthy celebrated her 94th birthday at the Commerce Senior Center with her daughters. The City provided a delicious cake and birthday card for the occasion.

COMIC INVASION



The Commerce Public Library welcomed many costumed heroes, including Batman and Wonder Woman, to the second annual Comic Invasion.

COMMERCE JAM



Commerce residents enjoyed an evening at the park with live music at the Commerce Jam.

BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH



Hundreds of residents relived the '80's at the summer celebration at Veterans Park. The Back 2 School Bash featured food trucks, human Pac Man, and the Glow in the Dark Family Fun Run.



COMMERCE CALENDAR OCTOBER

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

November 2016

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December 2016

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1

Starbucks Read-In
5201 E. Washington Blvd.
10 a.m.

Holiday Faire
Senior Center 10 a.m.

2

**"The only thing we
have to fear is fear it-
self."
Franklin D. Roo-
sevelt**

3

Rosh Hashanah
In-N-Out Burger
Reading Program Begins
All Libraries
Voting Basics
Rosewood Library 6 p.m.
Youth Advisory
Commission 7 p.m.

4

Hecho a Mano
Rosewood Library 11 a.m.
**City Council/Successor
Agency 6:30 p.m.**



5

Video Games
Bandini Library 3:30 p.m.
Intro to Computers (Es-
pañol)
Bandini Library 6 p.m.
Hecho a Mano
Rosewood Library 6 p.m.
Senior Citizens
Commission 12:30 p.m.

6

Holiday Cheer Program
Registration Begins 2:30 pm
Parks & Recreation
Commission 6 p.m.
Pros & Cons
Nov. Ballot Measures
Rosewood Library 6 p.m.

7

Video Games
Rosewood Library 3:30 p.m.

8

Grandparents' Day Lunch-
eon
Senior Center 11:30 a.m.
Hispanic Heritage
Paint Night
Rosewood Library 6:30 p.m.

9

Education Commission
6 p.m.

10

Measure AA Committee
6 p.m.

12

Yom Kippur
Task Force
Committee 3 p.m.
Traffic Commission
6:30 p.m.
Intro to Computers(Español)
Bandini Library 6 p.m.
Hecho a Mano
Bristow Library 6 p.m.

13

Citizenship Info Session
Veterans Library 5:30 p.m.
Hecho a Mano
Bandini Library 5:30 p.m.
Community Services
Commission 6:30 p.m.

14

Video Games
Rosewood Library 3:30 p.m.
**"Where there is no
imagination there is
no horror."
Arthur Conan
Doyle, Sr.**

15

Harry Potter Day
Rosewood Library 11 a.m.

16

**"Do you not know
that a man is not
dead while his name
is still spoken?"
Terry Pratchett**

17

Library Embajadoras
READs Center 6 p.m.
**City Council/Successor
Agency 6:30 p.m.**



19

Video Games
Bandini Library 3:30 p.m.
Intro to Computers (Es-
pañol)
Bandini Library 6 p.m.

20

Pros & Cons
Nov. Ballot Measures
Veterans Library 6 p.m.

21

Video Games
Rosewood Library 3:30 p.m.

22

23

Library Commission 6 p.m.
I-710 Advisory Committee
6 p.m.

24

Pros & Cons
Nov. Ballot Measures
Bristow Library 6 p.m.

Red Ribbon Week

25

Video Games
Veterans Library 4 p.m.

26

Red Ribbon/Anti-Bullying
Rallies
Intro to Computers (Es-
pañol)
Bandini Library 6 p.m.
Planning Commission
6:30 p.m.

27

Spanish Reading Club
Rosewood Library 6 p.m.
Pros & Cons
Nov. Ballot Measures
Bandini Library 6 p.m.

28

Video Games
Rosewood Library 3:30 p.m.
Itsy Bitsy Halloween
Veterans Park 6:30 p.m.

29

Dia de los Muertos
Celebration, Bristow Park
1 – 5 p.m.

**"Clothes make
a statement. Cos-
tumes tell
a story."
Mason Cooley**

30 31

Halloween

Costume Pa-
rade
All Parks 6 p.m.

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People

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Aquatorium (323) 887-4404
Code Enforcement Ext. 2293
Animal Control
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
Vector Control (562) 944-9656
Report Train Idling/Noise call
BNSF (800) 832-5452
UPRR (888) 877-7267

EMERGENCY 911



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FOR COMMERCE RESIDENTS**

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Young Legislators Program Open to High School Students

Inspired by Assemblymember Cristina Garcia's desire to educate and enrich the lives of adolescents within her district, the Young Legislators Program provides high school students from the 58th Assembly District with an in-depth learning experience on the legislative process, as well as the opportunity to learn how to improve their communities through service.

The program helps participants develop a thorough understanding of legislative politics and the means necessary to become "leaders of tomorrow." The legislative education component of the program focuses on teaching students the process through which proposed bills become laws.

It also provides the opportunity to discuss ideas for legislation with their peers, as well as how to draft, submit and win approval for these ideas. The community service component gives participants hands-on experience working at local events hosted by the Assemblymember's Office. Students that complete the program will travel to Sacramento to hold mock committee meetings and conduct a floor session at the State Capitol building. **The program is free.**

Application Process and Requirements:

- Submit completed application by the deadline of October 31, 2016
- Attend the mandatory orientation meeting
- Be an incoming high school senior in the 58th Assembly District
- Un-weighted minimum grade point average of 2.5

To apply, visit asmdc.org/members/a58/district/young-legislators or contact Program Coordinator Carina Chacon at carina.chacon@asm.ca.gov or call Assemblymember Garcia's District Office at (562) 861-5803.



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OCTOBER 2016 FEATURED HIGHLIGHTS

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

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.

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.

Commerce Jam

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 "The Knack"

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.