

The Cerritos News

CCPA announces electrifying 2024-2025 Season lineup



En Vogue and Exposé open the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts 2024-2025 Season on Saturday, September 7.

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) is excited to unveil its thrilling headliners for the upcoming 2024-2025 Season.

Get ready for a diverse showcase of entertainment legends – En Vogue and Exposé, R&B songstress MONICA, Billy Ocean and The Spinners, five-time Grammy-winning rapper CeeLo Green and Oscar and Grammy winner Melissa Etheridge. Also on the roster are Gin Blossoms, John Waite With Special Guest Tommy Tutone, Grammy nominee Ty Herndon and The Jacksons. The lineup boasts fun fare for the whole family, including “Wheel of Fortune LIVE!,” Disney’s popular “Encanto: The Sing-Along Film Concert,” “Fraggle Rock,” Netflix’s “Our Planet Live” and the acclaimed “The Addams Family” musical.

A digital version of the 2024-2025 Season Brochure with the full lineup is available on cerritoscenter.com. Brochures will be mailed in July.

Cerritos residents have an advance ticket purchase opportunity starting Friday, June 28 at 10 a.m. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Wednesday, July 10 at 10 a.m. Order tickets at cerritoscenter.com or call the Box Office at (562) 916-8500.

Pre-Season shows begin in August with Rock & Roll Hall of Famers Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo With Special Guest The Vindys; and Grammy winner “Joss Stone: Ellipsis Tour.”

A Pre-Season performance by George Thorogood and The Destroyers “Bad All Over the World – 50 Years of Rock” kicks off September. The rest of the month welcomes En Vogue and Exposé; “The Princess Bride: An Inconceivable Evening With Cary Elwes”; Information Society and Strangelove: The Depeche Mode Experience; Starship and Foghat; MONICA; Three Dog Night With Special Guest McKinley James; and Get the Led Out.

October opens with “Sweet Caroline – The Music of Neil Diamond Starring Jay White”; LeAnn Rimes: Acoustic; Billy Ocean and The Spinners; CeeLo Green; Melissa Etheridge’s “I’m Not Broken” Tour; Gin Blossoms; Black Violin; Chris Botti; “Wheel of Fortune LIVE!”; Terri Clark; Nicole Zuraitis – “How Love Begins”; Nick Carter; and “A.J. Croce: Croce Plays Croce

50th Anniversary Tour.”

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy shakes up November, followed by “The Hip Hop Nutcracker”; Joanne Shaw Taylor; Disney’s “Encanto: The Sing-Along Film Concert”; “Direct From Sweden: The Music of ABBA”; and Spyro Gyra and Jazz Funk Soul With Jeff Lorber, Everette Harp & Paul Jackson, Jr.

December brings back the festive favorites “Home for the Holidays” Starring Haley Reinhart, Ruben Studdard, Oleta Adams and Peabo Bryson and “Merry-Achi Christmas” with Sol de México de José Hernández, Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles and DanzArts Sabor México Dance Company. The month also sees the return of Jake Shimabukuro with “Holidays in Hawaii”; Kool & the Gang; “A Johnny Mathis Christmas”; “Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour 2024” Featuring Jonathan Butler and Special Guests Vincent Ingala, Adam Hawley and Rebecca Jade; “Los Angeles Symphony Christmas Concert”; and “The Illusionists – Magic of the Holidays.”

The CCPA kicks off the new year with January jewels like “Elvis: The Concert of Kings”; Rita Rudner and Gary Mule Deer; “The Peter Gabriel Project”; That Motown Band and The Modern Gentlemen; The Aluminum Show; Phat Cat Swinger; The Texas Tenors; “The Spirit of Harriet Tubman: Featuring Leslie McCurdy”; “Fraggle Rock”; and Broadway’s Rock of Ages Band.

February gets going with MOJO & the Bayou Gypsies, followed by The Drifters, The Platters, & Cornell Gunter’s Coasters; John Waite With Special Guest Tommy Tutone; “R.E.S.P.E.C.T. – A Celebration of the Music of Aretha Franklin”; “Rhythm India: Bollywood & Beyond”; The RUSH Tribute Project; and Jumaane Smith.

Ty Herndon starts off the month of March, which also features “It’s Magic!”; “The Doo Wop Project”; Cirque Mechanics “Pedal Punk”; The Kingston Trio and The Limelickers; Branford Marsalis Quartet; The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain; “Benise: 25 Years of Passion”; YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan; Uptown; and “Tony Bennett: The Official Musical Celebration.”

April brings back the family-friendly “iLUMI-NATE”; The Jacksons; legends Peter Yarrow & Noel Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul and Mary; and Netflix’s “Our Planet Live” With Dan Tapster.

Don’t miss “Randy Otto as Winston Churchill” in May, along with “The Best of Doo-Wop Vol. IV” featuring Kenny Vance & The Planotones, Jay Siegel’s Tokens, Chris Montez, The Dukes of Doo Wop and Special Guest Star Merrilee Rush.

The 2024-2025 Season concludes in June with the popular macabre musical “The Addams Family.”

Series subscribers enjoy significant discounts. The 2024-2025 Season Broadway series features the musical “Come From Away”; the Tony and Grammy winners “Dear Evan Hansen” and “Chicago”; and “The Addams Family.”

Rob Kapilow’s “What Makes It Great?” series this season dives into “The Music of Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker: The Nutcracker Suite” Featuring the California State University, Fullerton Symphony Orchestra; “Musical Fantasy at the Piano Schumann: Fantasie in C, Op.17”; and “Spotlight on Simon & Garfunkel.”

Discount series packages are available through the first event of each series. When ordering a series package online, seat selection is not available and seats will be assigned based on best availability. To choose seats for a series package, call or visit the Box Office.

The popular “Choose Your Own Season” package offers a 10-percent discount and the flexibility to customize your own season with five or more performances if orders are placed by Saturday, August 31 at 6 p.m. For restrictions and shows ineligible for the “Choose Your Own Season” package, visit the CCPA’s website.

The CCPA thanks its esteemed 2024-2025 Season Sponsors, including Alfred Reyes Jr., Aria Apartment Homes, AudioWest, Cerritos Auto Square, DiGiCo, George & Bev Ray, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Pegleg Entertainment and Yamaha. ■



Scan the QR code to access the CCPA Events page to purchase tickets.

Fireworks prohibited in Cerritos

As Independence Day approaches, residents are reminded that fireworks – including the “safe and sane” varieties sold in neighboring cities – are not allowed in Cerritos.

Cerritos Sheriff’s deputies will strictly enforce the law, which has helped protect thousands of residents from injuries and property damage. ■



Mayor's Weekly 60



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City Council Recap



Scan the QR code to view City Council meeting minutes and agendas.

City facilities observe Independence Day

In observance of Independence Day, Cerritos City Hall, the City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, Cerritos Library, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, the Community Gymnasiums at Cerritos and Whitney high schools and the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4.

Cerritos Park East, Heritage Park and Liberty Park will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course driving range will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Cerritos Sports Complex will be open from 2 to 8 p.m. and the Cerritos Olympic Swim and Fitness Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. ■

51st Annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration planned

The 51st Annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration will take place on Thursday, July 4 from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Cerritos Civic Center. The event will include entertainment, food trucks, game booths, rides and a Formal Ceremony & National Bell-ringing at 6:30 p.m. The event culminates with a spectacular fireworks show at 9 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair to view the fireworks. Barbecues and picnicking are not allowed.

Discounted all-day ride wristbands, available for \$35 through 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, can be purchased at the Recreation Services Division counter at Cerritos City Hall (while supplies last). On Thursday, July 4, the wristbands will be \$40. Wristbands will not be sold after 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 4. Individual tickets are \$2 each.

For more details about the celebration, call (562) 916-1254. ■

Free vacation security checks offered to residents

The Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center offers free vacation security checks for residents. While you are away, a deputy or Volunteer on Patrol will check your home for broken windows, open doors or other evidence of suspicious activity.

Residents must fill out a vacation security check request form at least five business days before the checks are to begin. The form is available at safercerritos.com. Under the "Featured Links" section, click on "Crime Prevention: Hardening the Target" then "Vacation Security Check Request Form." All information must be completed before the request can be processed. If it is less than five business days before the start of your vacation, call (562) 916-1266 to submit a vacation security check request by phone.

Ensure that all doors and windows are locked before leaving for vacation. Notify the Cerritos Sheriff's Station at (562) 860-0044 if you return before the indicated return date. ■



Scan the QR code to request a vacation security check on your Cerritos home.

Family Entertainment Showcase offers summer fun

The City's free Family Entertainment Showcase returns this summer, offering a variety of fun children's activities and concerts.

Tuesday Family Nights

Entertainment and activities for the whole family will be offered every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Friendship, Frontier, Sunshine and Westgate parks. Each program will last approximately 45 minutes and feature a pre-show craft or activity from 6 to 6:20 p.m. Arrive early and bring a blanket for seating. Please note that there are no restroom facilities at Friendship Park and Sunshine Park.

- July 9 Luce Puppet Show at Frontier Park
- July 16 Michael the Juggler at Sunshine Park
- July 23 Megan the Bubbleologist at Friendship Park
- July 30 Doodlebugs Animal Adventures at Westgate Park
- August 6 Ranger Jack Music and Puppets at Frontier Park

Thursday Concerts Under the Stars

The Heritage Park Island Stage will be the hottest ticket in town this summer when exciting musical groups perform on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and relax with family and friends. The shows are outdoors on the lawn, so bring a jacket. Snacks will be available for a nominal fee.

- July 11 Let It Be (Beatles Tribute)
- July 18 Suave the Band (Latin Soul)
- July 25 Kayln & The New Frontier (Country)
- August 1 Classic Journey (Journey Tribute)
- August 8 4 Alarm Band (Top 40s)

For the enjoyment of all and pursuant to the Cerritos Municipal Ordinance 9.48.030(p), dogs, cats or pets are not allowed in the park during special events and concerts. Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is prohibited within the boundaries of all City of Cerritos public park facilities pursuant to the Cerritos Municipal Ordinance 9.49.020

For more information about the Family Entertainment Showcase, please call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

Rabies clinics to be held in July

The City of Cerritos will hold a low-cost rabies clinic for dogs and cats in Shelter 1 at Cerritos Park East from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10.

The clinic is sponsored by the City of Cerritos' Community Safety and Community Participation divisions in cooperation with Long Beach Animal Care Services and Artesia Animal Hospital.

Rabies shots for dogs and cats will be available for \$18, and canine bordetella (kennel cough) shots cost \$21 each. Canine coronavirus vaccines are \$21; the K-9 Influenza shot is \$28; and Lyme disease vaccines will be \$27. DHPP shots, also known as the "6-in-1" vaccine that protects dogs from distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza and parvovirus, will be \$22. The comparable "4-in-1" (FVRCP) shot for cats costs \$23 and feline coronavirus (FELV) shots are \$27. In addition to vaccination fees, a \$4 biohazard disposal fee will be charged for each treated animal.

Make checks payable to the City of Cerritos. A driver's license number and expiration date are

required on all checks. Returned checks are subject to a \$10 service fee.

In addition to an annual rabies shot, dogs four months and older are required by law to have a license. Dog and cat licenses will not be sold or renewed on site. Licenses are available for purchase online at longbeach.gov/acs. License fees for Cerritos residents are \$28 for dogs that are spayed or neutered and \$12 for cats that are spayed or neutered (a spay/neuter certificate is required to receive the discount).

Pet owners must keep their dogs on leashes and cats in pet carriers during the clinics. For more information about the Rabies clinic, please call the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101. ■



Scan the QR code to apply for a pet license.

Keep pets safe this summer

The hot summer months can be uncomfortable and dangerous for pets. Here are some tips for keeping pets safe in the heat:

- Never leave pets in a parked car, even with the car running and air-conditioner on. Temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a vehicle with the windows slightly cracked open can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature could reach 120 degrees. Such heat may cause death or irreversible organ damage in pets.
- Watch the humidity. Dogs pant to cool down, but high humidity prevents them from doing so, causing their body temperature to soar to dangerous levels quickly.
- Limit exercise on hot days. Walk dogs in the early morning or late at night. Pay special attention to pets with white-colored ears (as they are more susceptible to skin cancer) and short-nosed pets, which typically have difficulty breathing. Dogs absorb and release heat through their feet, there-

fore, walk them on grass or use doggy boots. Bring water to keep pets from dehydrating.

- Do not rely on fans, which do not cool off animals as effectively as they do people. If you do not have air-conditioning, lay down a wet towel for your dog to lie on or simply set up a fan in front of a pan of ice.
- Provide clean water and protection from heat and the sun when dogs are outdoors. Add ice to water. A doghouse does not provide relief from heat. Tree shade and tarps are ideal because they do not obstruct air flow.
- Watch for signs of heatstroke, including heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure and unconsciousness. If a dog is suffering from heatstroke, move it into the shade or an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to its head, neck and chest or run cool (not cold) water over the pet. Give it small amounts of cool water or ice cubes to lick. Take the dog to the veterinarian. ■

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REGISTRATION

In order to register, patrons must be in the City's RACER registration database. For more information, please visit the City of Cerritos website at cerritos.us.

CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at cerritos.us and look for the Classes/RACER link or scan the QR code below.



Scan the QR code to access the RACER Registration page.

You will not receive confirmation by mail for classes registered online.

Please print a receipt at the conclusion of your transaction and bring it with you to the first day of the event or class. For additional information, please call the Library Reservation Desk at (562) 916-1388. Computers at the Cerritos Library may be used to access RACER.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

cerritos.us

Cerritos Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Mon., July 1 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Mon., July 8 at 11 a.m.**

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

Cerritos Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Tues., July 2 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Mon., July 8 at 11 a.m.**

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Mon., July 1 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Mon., July 8 at 11 a.m.**

The following Library programs require advance registration:

For more information call (562) 916-1388, unless otherwise noted. Seating is limited for all programs.

STORYTIMES

Cerritos Library's 30-45 minute storytimes incorporating stories and audience participation will be held in the Little Theater. Only children registered for storytime may be brought to the program.

Mondays at 11 a.m. for ages 5 and under

13071	Mon., July 8
13072	Mon., July 15
13073	Mon., July 22
13074	Mon., July 29

Thursdays at 11 a.m. for ages 5 and under

13075	Thurs., July 11
13076	Thurs., July 18
13077	Thurs., July 25
13078	Thurs., Aug. 1

Saturdays at 11:15 a.m. for ages 5-8

13079	Sat., July 13
13081	Sat., July 20
13082	Sat., July 27
13083	Sat., Aug. 3

SLIME MAKING CLASS FOR KIDS

Join us for an afternoon of slime-making. Space is limited to 12 participants.

12878	Mon., June 10	3:30-4:15 p.m.
	Ages 7-9	Art Studio

RAINBOW LOOM BRACELETS CLASS

Children will learn to weave and create colorful rubber band bracelets to take home and wear. Space is limited to 15 participants.

13084	Wed., July 10	2:30-3:30 p.m.
	Ages 7-13	Skyline Room A

FAMILY CARTOON CLASS WITH DAVE BOATMAN

This educational and creative hour of cartoon instruction will inspire and motivate families in their love of cartoons and drawing. Space is limited to 75 participants.

13085	Thurs., July 11	11 a.m.
	All Ages	Skyline Room

STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

Join us as we move to music, play with toys and make new friends! Space is limited to 15 participants.

13086	Fri., July 12	11 a.m.-noon
	Ages 2-4	Little Theater

POKÉMON OLYMPICS DRAWING CLASS

Learn to draw Pokémon based on the Paris 2024 Olympic sports! Space is limited to 15 participants.

13087	Fri., July 12	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 7-12	Hi-Tech Lab

LITTLEBITS WORKSHOP

Students will be introduced to littleBits, electronic building blocks that snap and work together, allowing children to build and invent. Space is limited to 12 participants.

13088	Wed., July 24	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 7-10	Skyline Room A

SHARPIE MUG ART AND CLAY PHOTO HOLDERS

Unleash your creativity as we decorate and personalize our own mugs and clay photo holders using Sharpie pens. Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 14 participants.

13089	Thurs., July 25	2:30-3:30 p.m.
	Ages 11-17	Skyline Room A

Afternoon Programs for all ages

All children and accompanying adults must be registered to attend the following programs.

FAMILY STEM FAIR WITH STEMUP4YOUTH

Families are invited to join in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Fair. Families will explore science concepts via hands-on projects and demonstrations led by STEMup4Youth.

STEMup4Youth is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring the next generation to pursue the elements of STEM by bringing children fun, hands-on STEM activities through interactive programs, events and performances. Space is limited to 120.

13090	Tues., July 9	3:30 p.m.
	All Ages	Skyline Room

ABBIE THE AVERAGE

Join in the fun of an above average comic and juggling variety show. Space is limited to 200.

13091	Tues., July 16	3:30 p.m.
	All Ages	Skyline Room

MICHAEL RAYNER JUGGLING SHOW

Michael Rayner, juggler extraordinaire, will juggle found objects. Rayner is a highly skilled and hilarious entertainer who will delight the entire family. Space is limited to 200.

13092	Tues., July 23	3:30 p.m.
	All Ages	Skyline Room

THOR'S REPTILE FAMILY LIBRARY SAFARI

Enjoy an entertaining and educational show featuring arthropods, amphibians and reptiles of all sizes. You will be taken on a safari around the world learning about the various animals, with an emphasis on their feeding habits. Space is limited to 200.

13093	Tues., July 30	3:30 p.m.
	All Ages	Skyline Room

FAMILY LEGO BLOCK PARTY

Join us for an afternoon of Lego building, bingo, and crafts in the Children's Library. To be a part of this fun party be sure to register for the following programs.

LEGO DUPLO BUILDING

Children will build and create their own LEGO DUPLO creations using DUPLO building blocks. Little ones will build and create while improving their motor skills. The library will provide the DUPLOS. Space is limited to 15 participants

13094	Thurs., Aug. 1	2-2:45 p.m.
	Ages 2-4	Little Theater

LEGO DRAWING FOR KIDS

Children will learn to how draw two popular Lego characters. Space is limited to 15 participants.

13095	Thurs., Aug. 1	2-2:45 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Art Studio

LEGO BUILDING

Children will build, create and share their very own LEGO creations based on a chosen theme. The library will provide the LEGOS, you provide the imagination! Space is limited to 15 participants.

13096	Thurs., Aug. 1	3-3:45 p.m.
	Ages 5-8	Little Theater

LEGO FIGURINE FAUX STAINED GLASS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Tweens and teens will create a faux stained glass piece using a picture frame, acrylic markers and a Lego figurine template. Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 15 participants.

13097	Thurs., Aug. 1	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 11-17	Art Studio

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LEGO MOVIE

Join us for a screening of “Lego DC Shazam: Magic & Monsters.” Space is limited to 50 participants. The movie runs for 81 minutes. All children and accompanying adults must be registered to attend the program.

13098 Thurs., Aug. 1 4:15 p.m.
All Ages Little Theater

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

SUMMER CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Free hands-on crafts featuring a summer theme for children ages 2-12 will be held in the Skyline Room from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. These glue-and-go crafts take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Wed., July 10
Wed., July 17
Wed., July 24
Wed., July 31
Wed., Aug. 7

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book “The Ride

of Her Life” by Elizabeth Letts. For more information, call the Adult Reference desk at (562) 916-1342.

Wed., July 17 11 a.m.-noon Skyline Room

BOARD GAMES FOR ALL

Everyone is invited to play the Library’s board games with friends, family, or teen volunteers. Children ages 6 and under should bring a parent with them to help with the games.

Thurs., July 18 3:30-4:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

FAMILY LOTERÍA AFTERNOON

Lotería is a traditional Latin American game of chance, similar to bingo, but using images on a deck of cards instead of plain numbers. Learn to play this Mexican bingo-style game with the whole family. Space is limited to 35 participants.

Fri., July 19 3:30-4:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: “NOTORIOUS” (1946)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of “Notorious,” starring Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 102 minutes.

Thurs., July 25 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

GAMES & MORE FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Join us for an afternoon of open play featuring Mario Cart, Super Smash Brothers, 3D Printing and various board games. All games will be used on a first-come, first-serve basis. Snacks will be provided.

Fri., July 26 2-3:30 p.m.
Ages 11-17 Skyline Room

SUPER SUMMER SALADS

Chef Vina demonstrates how to make healthy scrumptious entrée salads the entire family is sure to love.

Wed., July 31 6 p.m.
18 & Over Skyline Room

FAMILY MOVIE & CRAFT NIGHT

Join us for a screening of “Elemental” and a selection of two glue-and-go crafts. This film is rated PG.

Fri., Aug. 2 5:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

YUKI SHIBAMOTO INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Instrumentalist Yuki Shibamoto will perform classical, popular and original music. Yuki Shibamoto is a Los Angeles-based Japanese recorder player, who studied under world-famous recorder player Minoru Yoshizawa for over 25 years. Yuki has won the gold prize in the solo artist category in the Japanese Nationwide Recorder Competition three times.

Tues., Aug. 6 7:00 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

Library Displays

In celebration of the Library’s 49th Summer Reading Program, “Read for the Gold,” the Cerritos Library staff proudly displays a collection of autographed sports memorabilia. The display will be featured in the main lobby of the Cerritos Library throughout July and August.

Cerritos Library seeks teen volunteers

The Cerritos Library Volunteer program is seeking responsible, dependable and enthusiastic teens to help with library programs, shelving and monitoring of computer workstations.

Applications for the 2024 Fall session will be available starting Monday, July 8, 2024. The session runs from Tuesday, September 3, 2024 through Saturday, December 21, 2024.

The program is open to students ages 13 years and older attending grades 7-12 during the Fall 2024 school year. Applicants must have a Cerritos Library card in good standing and are required to pass a criminal background assessment, in accordance with City policy. For more information, call (562) 916-1338 or email volunteer@cerritos.us. ■

City of Cerritos names new Director of Community and Cultural Services

The City of Cerritos has named Annie Hylton the new Director of Community and Cultural Services.

As Director of Community and Cultural Services, Hylton is responsible for overseeing the Community Participation/Senior Center, Library and Recreation Services Divisions. She will lead the newly reconstituted Department of Community and Cultural Services in setting up systems for improved City staff collaboration and ensuring a consistent approach to providing services to the Cerritos community among the City’s many public facilities.

Hylton joined the City of Cerritos in 1991 as a Communications Assistant. She was promoted to the

position of Public Information Manager in 1995, in which she led the Communications team through several new initiatives including the launch of the City’s first website. She was promoted to City and Theater Marketing Manager in 2005 and to City Librarian and Marketing Manager in 2014. Hylton has held several leadership roles throughout her Cerritos career, having simultaneously managed the Communications Division, Theater Marketing and the Cerritos Library.

Hylton received her bachelor of arts degree in communications from California State University, Fullerton. ■

Building permits required for home improvements

City approval and a building permit are required for most home-improvement projects in Cerritos. City staff and inspectors ensure that updates to a property enhance its value and are appropriate for the neighborhood and safe for residents. Among the projects that require a permit are:

- Air conditioners
- Dishwashers
- Electrical changes
- Landscaping
- New block walls

- New fences
- New wood siding
- New windows/trim
- Painting
- Patios/Patio covers
- Paving
- Plumbing changes
- Roofing
- Room additions
- Spas
- Sprinkler systems

- Stucco work
- Swimming pools
- Water heaters

If you are considering any other home-improvement projects, contact the Community Development Department at (562) 916-1201 to find out if there are any City requirements that apply. For more information, visit the City’s website at cerritos.us. Click on the “Residents” tab and go to “Home Care/Regulations.” Planning approval and building permits are available online. ■

Join Neighborhood Watch



Residents are encouraged to join the Neighborhood Watch in Cerritos, a joint effort by community members and the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center to fight crime and protect property. One of the oldest crime-prevention programs, it serves as the eyes and ears of the Sheriff's Department and has proven instrumental in keeping communities safe.

Contact the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266 to see if a Neighborhood Watch group has been formed in your neighborhood. If there is an established group, you will be provided with the name and phone number of the Watch Captain.

If there is no active group yet in your area, the

Community Safety Division will help you and your neighbors start one. Ideal Neighborhood Watch groups are typically small – usually 15 to 20 households – to simplify communication among participants. A designated block captain will be responsible for acting as the liaison between a neighborhood and the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.

While the Community Safety Division and Sheriff's Department will assist in many ways, the success of Neighborhood Watch depends largely on resident involvement. Participants will receive Neighborhood Watch signs to post, alerting potential criminals that others are watching out for your home. Members of the watch group monitor their neighborhoods, communicate regularly with deputies and meet with neighbors routinely to stay current on crime trends and information. If a residential crime pattern is identified in the area, deputies will notify the group of what to look out for and suggest prevention strategies.

Join the City's Neighborhood Watch program at safercerritos.com. ■

Stay vigilant during warm summer months

During the warm summer months, many residents leave their doors and windows opened or unlocked in an effort to keep their homes cool. Most residential burglaries in Cerritos are directly attributed to doors and windows being left opened. Burglars will most often use the easiest point of entry possible to get inside a residence.

It is safer to cool your home by opening doors and windows upon your return, rather than leaving them opened and increasing your risk of becoming a victim.

When the weather is warm, garage doors are also often left opened and unattended as homeowners try to ventilate the space. Cerritos Sheriff's deputies point out that a significant percentage of residential burglaries occur as a result of open garages.

Leaving a garage door open provides burglars an opportunity to inventory belongings for future reference or gain access to your home. Burglars are capable of stealing property in a very short amount of time. Passersby or vehicle occupants can quickly obtain bicycles, lawn care products, tools and other items in a matter of seconds.

Open garage doors also provide burglars the opportunity to enter a garage and close the door to conceal themselves while they try to pry open the inner door into the home.

For more crime prevention and safety tips, visit safercerritos.com. ■

Public safety art project being installed

Installation has begun for the "Tribute to Public Safety," a public art project. To commemorate the Sheriff and Fire personnel who protect the Cerritos community on a daily basis, the City of Cerritos commissioned this art project. This original artwork will welcome visitors to the Cerritos Sheriff's Station later this summer.

The artwork – which will be composed of bronze, stone, concrete and granite – is being constructed at the north entrance of the Cerritos Sheriff's Station. It includes sculptures of a Deputy Sheriff, Firefighter and a K-9 unit; a granite 9/11 memorial to honor those lost in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks; and a memorial pillar in recognition of those lost in the line of duty. ■

Business Spotlight

Hana Wellness Center

Hana Wellness Center was recently selected for the City's Business Spotlight Program, which showcases companies that foster pride in the community, provide jobs and contribute to the local economy.

Founded in 2005, Hana Wellness Center has provided quality medical care to residents and businesses of Cerritos, neighboring communities and even patients from around the world. Hana Wellness Center educates patients in the areas of proper nutrition, stretching techniques, stress management and lifestyle choices.

Under the direction of Dr. Frank Sung Hwan Om, Hana Wellness Center focuses on pain management and specializes in the areas of lumbar and cervical pain. The primary goal of Hana Wellness Center is to provide effective treatment and rehabilitation, with educational components for the patient to maintain optimal health.

Located at 13079 Artesia Boulevard, Suite B130, Hana Wellness Center can be reached at (562) 926-0333 and hanawellnesscenter.com.

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TV3 Schedule: July

City Council and Commission Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, July 11 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, July 12 and 10 a.m. on Monday, July 15

7 p.m. on Thursday, July 25 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, July 26 and 10 a.m. on Monday, July 29

Fine Arts and Historical Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, July 18 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, July 19 and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3 (live), rebroadcasts: 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 4 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10

Property Preservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6

Program Highlights

Mayor's Weekly 60

5 p.m. on Friday, July 6; 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 14; 6 p.m. on Friday, July 19; and 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 27

Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase 2024

7 p.m. on Friday, July 5; 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9; and 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 20

Concert Under the Stars: Let It Be — Beatles Tribute

3 p.m. on Thursday, July 4; 8 p.m. on Monday, July 8; 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 20; and 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 25

CCPA Performances: Matt Mauser & The Sinatra Big Band

9 p.m. on Thursday, July 4; 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9; 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17; and 9 p.m. on Sunday, July 21

CCPA Performances: Drumline

7 p.m. on Monday, July 1; 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 7; and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16

For Cerritos TV3 schedule and streaming video, visit: cerritos.us/RESIDENTS/tv3.php



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Calendar of Events

- July 1
 - **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 8, 15 and 22. Contact Ricard Taylor at (323) 712-0392.
- July 2
 - **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos. Also on July 16.
 - **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 9, 16 and 23. Contact Katie Yen at (562) 833-6711.
 - **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 9, 16 and 23. Contact Julith Neff at (562) 881-9504.
 - **The “Original” Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 9, 16 and 23. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- July 3
 - **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
 - **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.
- July 4
 - **Independence Day**
 - **City Hall, City Clerk/Treasurer’s Office, Library, Senior Center, Community Gymnasiums and CCPA Ticket Office Closed.**
 - **Let Freedom Ring Celebration**, 4-9 p.m., Civic Center, 6:30 p.m., Ceremony.
 - **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny’s 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on July 11 and 25. Contact Manilal Fernando at (562) 402-4700.
- July 5
 - **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 19. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- July 6
 - **Cerritos Certified Farmers’ Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on July 13, 20 and 27.
- July 9
 - **Cerritos Republican Club**, 7 p.m., Contact Dean Grose for location at (562) 241-0235 or deanlosal@gmail.com or visit Cerritos-republican.org.
- July 10
 - **Rabies Clinic**, 6-7:30 p.m., Cerritos Park East, Shelter 1.
- July 11
 - **City Council** meeting 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber. Also on July 25.
 - **Bellflower Unified School District Board Meeting**, 4 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower.
 - **Cerritos (Mid City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 18 and 25. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
 - **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 18 and 25. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.
 - **Da’Hawaii Seniors Club**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 25. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.
 - **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 18 and 25. Contact Christine Lee at (562) 219-1430.
- July 17
 - **Community Safety Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff’s Station/Community Safety Center.
- July 18
 - **Fine Arts and Historical Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- July 21
 - **Summer Reading Program ends**
- July 30
 - **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.

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Take preventative steps against mosquitoes

As temperatures continue to rise, vector control experts stress the need for the public to take preventative steps against mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes can transmit diseases such as West Nile virus, which can cause debilitating illness and death to humans as well as birds, horses and other wildlife. Twenty percent of people infected with West Nile virus will exhibit flu-like symptoms, and one in 150 people infected will require hospitalization. There is currently no cure or vaccine for the virus.

The Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District (GLACVCD), a local government and public health agency dedicated to reducing populations of public health vectors and preventing human infection associated with mosquito-transmitted diseases, has issued the following tips to stay safe:

- Eliminate standing water around the home. It takes as little as five days for mosquito eggs to hatch into biting adults;
- Many children play sports or are outdoors from late afternoon to the evening hours, when mosquitoes are most active. Anyone outside during these hours should wear long-sleeved shirts and pants and use insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin and oil of lemon eucalyptus;
- To help West Nile Virus surveillance and control efforts, report dead birds at westnile.ca.gov.

For more information, call GLACVCD at (562) 944-9656 or visit glacvcd.org. ■

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