

The Cerritos News

A sizzling September at the CCPA



George Thorogood and The Destroyers perform at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Tuesday, September 3.

Things are heating up with a sizzling September lineup at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA).

Kicking off the month is a pre-Season performance by George Thorogood and The Destroyers “Bad All Over the World – 50 Years of Rock” at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3. Hailed as “one of the most iconic bands in rock history” by the Rapid City Journal, George Thorogood and The Destroyers continues to shake things up, getting audiences worldwide jamming to hits like “Get a Haircut,” “I Drink Alone,” “Who Do You Love?”; and the rocking anthem “Bad to the Bone.” Tickets start at \$65.

Female forces En Vogue and Exposé take over Cerritos with a night of hits on Saturday, September 7. En Vogue dominated the music charts with “Hold On,” “Free Your Mind,” “Never Gonna Get It,” “Don’t Let Go” and “Whatta Man.” En Vogue earned a Grammy nod for the album “Funky Divas.” Named one of the top girl groups of the era by “Billboard,” Exposé rocked the nightclubs and dance charts with the No. One hit “Seasons Change” along with “I’ll Never Get Over You Getting Over Me,” “Come Go With Me,” “Point of No Return” and “Let Me Be the One.” Tickets start at \$63 for the 8 p.m. show.

Journey back to the lands of Florin and Guilder in “The Princess Bride: An Inconceivable Evening With Cary Elwes” on Sunday, September 8 at 3 p.m. It’s an exciting afternoon guaranteed to delight fans of the iconic film, featuring a screening of the fantasy-adventure comedy. Elwes, who plays the heroic Westley in the cult classic, pulls back the curtain for a behind-the-scenes look at life on and off the set, moderating a discussion on classic scenes and revealing never-before-shared secrets and tales behind the making of the Oscar-nominated classic. Tickets start at \$34 and VIP packages with special perks are available.

It’s an electrifying night of electronic music in this Director’s Pick show from Information Society and Strangelove: The Depeche Mode Experience. Jam to the monster electro bass and beats with Information Society’s dance hits “What’s on Your Mind (Pure Energy),” “Running” and “Walking Away.” Opening the night is Los Angeles-based Strangelove, which



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dives into The Depeche Mode Experience to deliver the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame band’s iconic tunes, including “New Life,” “Just Can’t Get Enough” and “People Are People.” Don’t miss it on Friday, September 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$54.

It’s a blazing night of Rock on the Cerritos stage! Starship featuring Mickey Thomas delivers its all-time hits, such as “It’s Not Over Til It’s Over” and the No. One songs “We Built This City,” “Sara” and “Nothing’s Gonna Stop Us Now.” English Rock band Foghat brings down the house with its smash hits “Slow Ride,” “Drivin’ Wheel” and “Third Time Lucky (First Time I Was a Fool).” The band’s latest album, “Sonic Mojo,” debuted at No. One on the “Billboard” Blues chart. Get tickets now, starting at \$54, for the 8 p.m. Sunday, September 15 show.

For almost five decades, Three Dog Night has reigned the music world with the hits “Mama Told Me (Not to Come),” “Joy to the World,” “Black and White” and “Shambala.” Impeccable harmonies and exciting arrangements – like those in “One Man Band” and “The Family of Man” – define the Vocal Group Hall of Famer’s signature sound, maintaining the group’s longstanding musical dominance. The band returns to Cerritos at 8 p.m. on Friday, September 27 with special guest McKinley James, who opens the show with a unique sound powered by groove and guitar. Ticket prices start at \$54.

Rock to the best of Led Zeppelin when Get the Led Out makes its way back onto the Cerritos stage! In a high-energy tribute to its favorite band, GTLO performs Led Zeppelin’s songs – such as “Whole Lotta Love,” “Black Dog” and the “Battle of Evermore” – “note for note, the way it was recorded,” raves “Philadelphia Magazine.” The show kicks off at 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 28. Tickets start at \$40.

Get tickets at cerritoscenter.com or by calling the Box Office at (562) 916-8500. ■

City facilities observe Labor Day

Cerritos City Hall, the City Clerk/Treasurer’s Office, Cerritos Library, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, the Community Gymnasiums at Cerritos and Whitney high schools and the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Box Office will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

Cerritos Park East, Heritage Park and Liberty Park will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the Cerritos Sports Complex will be open from 2 to 8 p.m. The Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Cerritos Olympic Swim and Fitness Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

There will be no street sweeping and trash pick-up on Labor Day. Schedules will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week through Saturday. The COW and Dial-A-Ride transit services will not operate on Labor Day. ■

City presents 2024 Autumn Moon Festival

The community is invited to an Autumn Moon Festival presented by the City of Cerritos from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17. The event takes place at Heritage Park, located at 18600 Bloomfield Avenue.

Free lantern kits will be available while supplies last. Participants can also bring their own lanterns to decorate. The lanterns will be released in the water under the harvest moon. Gourmet food trucks will offer food for purchase. Bring chairs and blankets for seating. For more information, contact the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

Health & Wellness Fair for seniors

The Cerritos Senior Center’s annual Health & Wellness Fair is scheduled for Friday, October 4 at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. The “Live Happy and Flourish” fair starts at 8:30 a.m. for Cerritos residents and 9 a.m. for non-residents.

The annual fair connects seniors to resources encouraging a healthy, well-rounded approach to aging. Seniors age 50 years and older are eligible to undergo free health screenings. A photo I.D. with a current address is required to register and participate.

The event ends at noon and the Senior Center will be closed immediately following the event. Senior Center activities and classes are canceled that day.

The Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park is located at 12340 South Street in Cerritos. For more information, call (562) 916-8550. ■



Scan the QR code to watch weekly update videos about the City of Cerritos.

City Council Recap

City Council meeting minutes and agendas are available to view on the new Cerritos website at cerritos.gov/agendas.

New City of Cerritos website launched

The City of Cerritos is proud to announce a newly designed City of Cerritos website launched on Tuesday, August 27.

The new City website features an updated design, with intuitive navigation and enhanced search functionality. The website promotes increased availability of online services such as bill payment, permit applications, service requests and more.

The City website is now optimized for mobile devices and will continue to be improved based upon feedback from the community.

Visit cerritos.gov to view the new design and features of the City's website.

For more information, call the Communications Division at (562) 916-1320. ■

Cerritos Water Quality Report available

The City's Annual Consumer Confidence (Water Quality) Report is available on the City's website at cerritos.gov/water. The report indicates that Cerritos water meets all primary state and federal standards.

State and federal laws require printed or electronic distribution of the water-quality information to everyone served by the City's water utility. The report describes the City's stringent water tests, which are conducted more frequently than required by the State Health Department. The Consumer Confidence Report provides detailed test results and explains the City's water supply, which flows to customers through a system of wells, reservoirs and pipes.

For more information about the Water Quality Report, call (562) 407-2674. ■

Free document shredding offered on September 7

The City of Cerritos is offering a paper shredding and compost event from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 7. The event will be held in the parking lot of the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park located at 12340 South Street.

Cerritos residents may bring up to two banker-sized (12" wide, 15" long and 9.5" deep) boxes of paper documents to be shredded at no charge. Staples and paper clips may be left on documents, but paperwork should not contain any binder clips or three-ring binders. Documents will be shredded on-site at the program. This is a secure way to dispose of paperwork that contains private information.

Each participating resident also will have the option to obtain free fresh compost. Residents must bring their own rigid container, no larger than 35 gallons, to hold the compost. Staff will be on-site to assist residents in obtaining compost material.

For more information, call the Community Participation Office at (562) 865-8101. ■

Tips to help seniors beat the heat

The heat of the summer months can lead to heat stroke, sun poisoning, dehydration and other heat-related illnesses. People age 65 years or older are especially prone to heat-related health problems. They are more likely to have a chronic medical condition that changes normal body responses to heat. They are also more likely to take prescription medicines that affect the body's ability to control its temperature or sweat.

Seniors and their caretakers should heed the following tips:

- Stay in air-conditioned buildings as much as possible. Do not rely on the fan as a main cooling source when it's exceptionally hot outside. The Cerritos Library and Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park offer seniors air-conditioned spaces,

drinking fountains and seating during regular hours of operation.

- Drink more water than usual; don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.
- Do not use the oven or stove to cook as they will make the house hotter.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Take cool showers or baths to cool down.
- Do not engage in strenuous activities, and get plenty of rest.
- Check on a friend or neighbor and have someone do the same for you.
- Seek immediate medical care if you or someone you know has symptoms of heat-related illness, such as muscle cramps, headaches, nausea or vomiting. ■

Make your home earthquake-ready

Californians live in earthquake country and while tremors can strike at any time without warning, there are ways to make your home safer.

- Strap down heavy objects: Secure television sets, computers and stereos. Use buckles and safety straps to keep oversized objects from moving during the shaking.
- Anchor and brace: Tall items (such as bookcases, entertainment consoles, file cabinets, dressers and large appliances like refrigerators) can tip over. Use flexible fasteners to anchor them to the studs in the wall. Use a metal bracing kit to strap the water heater to wall studs. Use a brace that is secured to the ceiling joist for ceiling fans, chandeliers and light fixtures to keep them from falling in a quake.
- Install child safety latches: Cabinet doors and drawers can swing vigorously during intense shaking, causing injuries and destruction. Installing latches on cabinet doors and drawers prevents contents like glasses and dishes from flying out and causing injuries and damage.
- Hire an inspector: If your home was built before 1992, when more earthquake-resistance standards were introduced, hire a professional to inspect your home. Even homes constructed after 1992 should be checked to ensure that structural integrity is maintained.
- Rearrange furniture: Position beds near interior walls and away from windows. Store heavy items on low shelves to prevent them from falling during a tremor and causing injuries or property damage. Don't hang heavy items (such as mirrors, plants and framed artwork and pictures) above beds, couches,

chairs or in places where people are likely to be sitting or sleeping. Use closed hooks or adhesive tabs to hang pictures, art or mirrors on walls.

- Secure knickknacks: Quickly, safely and affordably secure decorative items with adhesives such as putty and Velcro.
- Store hazardous chemicals properly: Hazardous household chemicals (bleach, gasoline and fertilizer) should be stored far away from furnaces and stoves so they can't tip over and catch fire during a quake.
- Clear a path: Keep all forms of exits clear and easily accessible.
- Add flexible connections: Make sure appliances have flexible gas or electrical connections so they won't break and cause other hazards like gas leakage or fires during an earthquake. Know how to turn off your utilities, including gas, water and electricity.
- Check the chimney: Have your chimney inspected by a licensed civil engineer for stability and safety – especially in homes built before 1960.
- Assess the foundation: Have a licensed civil engineer ensure that your home is bolted to the foundation; this is particularly important if your home was built before 1935. If your home is built on a raised foundation, make sure that it has shear plywood walls in the crawlspace, rather than the older-style cripple walls.
- Consider insurance: Consider buying earthquake insurance since most homeowner's policies do not cover earthquake damage. ■

CCPA teams up with Ticketmaster

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) is partnering with Ticketmaster, the largest ticketing service provider in the world.

The collaboration with the Beverly Hills-based company is expected to simplify and complement the CCPA ticket-purchasing experience for patrons. With its user-friendly platform, Ticketmaster offers greater flexibility and faster and convenient access, allowing customers to buy and access digital tickets anywhere and at any time online. Ticketmaster's digital tickets are more secure than traditional paper tickets and their all-in pricing complies with State laws.

The CCPA-Ticketmaster partnership is expected to

improve reach and enhance visibility for the theater and the City while minimizing ticket brokers and third-party reselling to ensure that patrons buy tickets at face value.

The CCPA is fervently committed to continuing its first-class customer service through this transition. For patrons who prefer to buy their tickets in person, the CCPA Box Office will still be open Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. The Box Office is also open two hours prior to performance and until half an hour past curtain on show days.

For more details, contact the Box Office at (562) 916-8500. ■

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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.gov

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

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Sun., Sept. 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. Space is limited to 50 participants.

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

13399 Thurs., Sept. 12
13400 Thurs., Sept. 19
13401 Thurs., Sept. 26
13402 Thurs., Oct. 3

Second Saturday of the month at 11:15 a.m. for ages 5 and under

13403 Sat., Sept. 14

STICKER MAKING CLASS

Children will learn how to create 5D diamond stickers that can be used to decorate backpacks, water bottles, notebooks or any other surface. Space is limited to 20 participants.

13404 Tues., Sept. 10 4-5 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Skyline Room

AI ADVENTURE: UNLEASH THE FUTURE WITH CERRITOS CODER SCHOOL

Join us for an engaging exploration of artificial intelligence and its foundational principles. Participants will delve into key concepts, including machine learning, robotics and neural networks, acquiring a thorough understanding of AI's impact on our society. Space is limited to 22 participants.

13406 Mon., Sept. 16 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Hi-Tech Lab

STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

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

13407 Fri., Sept. 20 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-5 Little Theater

BACK TO SCHOOL TOTES FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Tweens and teens will create a back-to-school themed canvas tote bag that is perfect for carrying library books! Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 12 participants.

13408 Fri., Sept. 20 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 11-17 Art Studio

RAINBOW SCRATCH ART

Children can use their creativity to create rainbow designs on ocean animals and coral reef scenes. Space is limited to 25 participants.

13409 Tues., Sept. 24 4-5 p.m.
Ages 7-12 Skyline Room A

SHOEBOX PIÑATA CREATION WORKSHOP

Join Juan Farris for an engaging demonstration of constructing piñatas using shoeboxes. All materials will be provided. Space is limited to 25 participants.

13410 Tues., Oct. 1 6-8 p.m.
Ages 13-Adult Skyline Room

AUTUMN PERLER BEADS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Participants will create an autumn themed art piece using Perler beads. Space is limited to 10.

13411 Fri., Oct. 4 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 10-15 Art Studio

XFYD INTRODUCTION TO PYTHON FOR KIDS

XFYD is a student-led organization that aims to promote a space for the exchange of knowledge, inspiration and freedom of expression in the community. XFYD's five-week Python course offers engaging and practical lessons designed for elementary students with a basic understanding of the Python programming language. Space is limited to 18 participants.

13412 Fri., Oct. 4-Nov. 1 6 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Hi-Tech Lab

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

ANIME FILM: "SPIRITED AWAY"

Join us for a screening of "Spirited Away," directed by Hayao Miyazaki. During her family's move to the suburbs, a sullen 10-year-old girl wanders into a world ruled by gods, witches and spirits, and where humans are changed into beasts. Popular Japanese snacks will be provided, while supplies last. This movie is rated PG and has a running time of 125 minutes.

Wed., Sept. 4 3:45 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

PENNYROYAL PLAYERS: FROM BATTLES TO BALLOTS

The Pennyroyal Players pay musical tribute to the 27 "Radical Women" who dared to fight for freedom and the right to vote. The story begins in 1591 in England and ends in Tennessee in 1920 with the final ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, providing all women the right to vote. In this fast-paced musical portrayal of the battles these women fought, you will learn of their struggles, tragedies and victories every step of the way.

Mon., Sept. 9 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on fall craft will be held for ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Fri., Sept. 13 11 a.m.-12 p.m. & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

MEET THE AUTHOR: RAFAEL AGUSTIN

Writer and producer Rafael Agustin discusses his memoir, "Illegally Yours," a heartwarming, comical look at how a struggling Ecuadorian immigrant family bonded together to navigate Rafa's school life, his parents' work lives and their shared secret life as undocumented Americans. The book talk will be followed by a Q & A.

Mon., Sept. 16 7 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

CEVICHE & SALSA MAKING WORKSHOP

Join us for a workshop led by Chef Vina, where we will learn to prepare two delicious homemade ceviches and salsas.

Tues., Sept. 17 6 p.m.
18 and over Skyline Room

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "The Loved One" by Evelyn Waugh. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Wed., Sept. 18 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

MEET THE AUTHOR: LUIS I. REYES

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with author/TV personality Luis I. Reyes. Reyes will discuss his latest book "Viva Hollywood!" which celebrates the legacy of Latin and Hispanic artists in the Hollywood film industry. Reyes presents the achievements of Latin film artists from the present day (Jennifer Lopez, Pedro Pascal, Salma Hayek, Edward James Olmos, Jenna Ortega and Gina Rodriguez) back to the founding of the film industry in Hollywood. The book talk will be followed by a Q & A.

Thurs., Sept. 19 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

A HISTORY OF LA LOTERÍA

In this presentation, Dr. Gloria Arjona explores the origins of La Lotería and how it is traditionally played, incorporating music and offering a taste of the traditional gameplay. Known as "The Mexican Bingo," La Lotería is a tradition passed on from generation to generation for many Mexican and Central American descendants. Its eye-catching and provocative images are frequently recreated by artists worldwide, and scholarly research on this topic is quickly growing.

Mon., Sept. 23 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

GAMETIME FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Join us for an afternoon of open play, featuring Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Nickelodeon Kart Racer 3, Sonic Superstars and various board games. All games will be used on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wed., Sept. 25 4-5 p.m.
Ages 12-17 Teen Studio

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ANCIENT HOMELANDS: FAMILY PRESENTATION ON INDIGENOUS MUSIC OF NORTH, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Join us in an interactive musical experience that celebrates the indigenous music of North, Central and South America. Martin Espino, a scholar with expertise in this field, will lead this presentation. Participants will have the opportunity to join in singing simple songs and playing a variety of unique native percussion instruments that will be provided.

Wed., Sept. 25 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "THE GRADUATE" (1967)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "The Graduate," starring Anne Bancroft, Dustin Hoffman and Katharine Ross, followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 106 minutes.

Thurs., Sept. 26 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

MEET CHILDREN'S AUTHOR SUSIE JARAMILLO

Susie Jaramillo is the co-founder and Chief Creative Officer of Encantos Media Studios. She is also the visionary behind Encantos' inaugural brand, Canticos, which offers a bilingual baby and toddler experience inspired by Latino nursery rhymes. As a Venezuelan-American mother of two bilingual and bicultural children, Jaramillo developed Canticos to share her cultural heritage and language with her family. In her multifaceted role as author, artist and executive producer, Jaramillo oversees the multimedia brand, which encompasses books, digital applications and animated videos.

Fri., Sept. 27 11 a.m.
All Ages Little Theater

FAMILY LOTERÍA NIGHT

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an evening of Lotería! 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 how to play this Mexican bingo-style game with the whole family. Space is limited to 35 participants.

Wed., Oct. 2 6-7 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

BALLET FOLKLORICO DANCE PERFORMANCE

Join us as students from the award-winning Grupo Folklórico Sabor de México from Torrance perform various traditional dances and showcase regalia and music.

Thurs., Oct. 3 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

CITY ARTWORK MAQUETTE INTERACTIVE EXHIBITION

To celebrate October Arts Month, Cerritos Library will showcase an interactive exhibition of the sculpture maquettes (models) from the City's Art in Public Places collection. Guests are encouraged to touch the maquettes, as volunteers describe the pieces. Participants will also have an opportunity to create artwork by sculpting with air-dry clay. Everyone is welcome to attend this one-day event, with special efforts made to be inclusive for visually impaired individuals.

Sat., Oct. 5 2-4 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

CHILDREN'S ART & SHORT STORY CONTEST

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will conduct the 21st Annual Art Contest for children in grades K-6 and a Short Story Contest for children in grades 3-6. "What Would You Do If You Were the Principal for a Day?" is the theme for the short story contest and "Design Your Dream or Fantasy Elementary School" is

the theme for the art contest. Participants must have a valid Cerritos Library card. The deadline to turn in all entries is Friday, October 11 before 7 p.m. Draw or paint a picture of "Design Your Dream or Fantasy Elementary School." Artwork must be no larger than 12" x 18" and unmounted. Only one art entry is allowed per child. Short stories about "What Would You Do If You Were the Principal for a Day?" must be original, using no more than 500 words and preferably typed on white letter-sized paper. Only one short story entry is allowed per child. Application forms are available at the Children's Help Desk and on the Library's website. Winners will receive gift cards from Target at a special reception on Thursday, December 5 at 7 pm. For more information, contact Librarian Curita Tinker at (562) 916-1343.

Library Displays

WRITERS' ALLEY

Comic book writers are master storytellers. Their inventive creativity and vivid power with a pen have captivated generations of readers and inspired dozens of films and television series. The Cerritos Library is delighted to exhibit works by some of the most influential and groundbreaking comic book writers. These works from comic book history will be on display throughout the library in the main lobby, local history room, and the multimedia area from September 11 to October 31. This exhibition features many pieces from Cerritos resident Allen Montgomery's collection.

Follow traffic safety tips as children return to school

Thousands of local children returned to school in August. The following school safety tips are provided by the National Safe Routes to School Program and the City of Cerritos Community Safety Division.

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits. This may be the most important safety tip to observe around schools.
- Comply with school drop-off and pick-up procedures. Many schools in Cerritos have student valet or parking lot transition programs and should be used if possible.
- Avoid double parking and stopping in crosswalks or in people's driveways to let children out of the car. Do not allow children to cross the street mid-block, and teach them to use crosswalks. Cerritos Sheriff's deputies have been directed to issue citations for these violations.

- Stop for a school bus when red overhead lights are flashing or a stop sign has been activated on the street side of the bus. Violating this law may result in a very expensive citation.
- Watch for children crossing streets near schools or at nearby corners. Pedestrians have the right-of-way when in marked or unmarked crosswalks. (Any intersection has an unmarked crosswalk unless a posted sign says otherwise.)
- Watch for children on sidewalks when backing out or entering a driveway.
- Pay attention to the directions of crossing guards, and take the time to thank them occasionally. These guards put themselves at risk every day to protect the kids. ■

City ordinance regulates use of leaf blowers

Under City ordinance, the use of gas-operated leaf blowers in any residential area and in commercial areas within 400 feet of any residential area in the City is restricted to the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays and legal holidays. The City ordinance regulating these hours was designed to protect residents from excessive noise caused by such equipment.

Leaf blowers should not direct debris onto adjacent parcels or lots. Such debris should be removed and disposed of properly to prevent dispersion by wind or other similar means. Piles of leaves left in the gutters can clog storm drains and cause flooding. In addition, leaves in storm drains decompose and grow bacteria that can travel into the ocean. ■

Short-term rentals banned in Cerritos

Cerritos residential property owners are reminded that the City of Cerritos prohibits short-term rentals.

Short-term rentals refer to leasing or renting a single-family residential dwelling unit (in whole or in part) for 31 days or fewer. The most common

types of short-term rentals are vacation rentals and home-sharing rentals, which are both prohibited. The Sheraton Cerritos Hotel located in the commercially zoned Cerritos Towne Center is not considered a short-term rental under the ordinance.

The ban strives to protect Cerritos residential neighborhoods from the noise, nuisances, added traffic and other adverse factors that can arise with short-term rentals. Appropriate enforcement measures will be taken against those who violate the City ordinance. ■

Community input sought for On-Demand Transportation Community Survey

At the direction of the Cerritos City Council, the City of Cerritos will be implementing a new community transportation program. As a part of this process, the City is seeking community input to ensure the new and improved on-demand transportation services meet the needs of the community. To participate, residents are asked to fill out the On-Demand Transportation Community Survey located at

cerritotransit.com. Hard copies of the survey are available upon request by calling (562) 916-1201.

For more information, please call the Community Development Department at (562) 916-1201. ■



Scan the QR code to access the On-Demand Transportation Community Survey.

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. ■

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. ■

Business Spotlight

Better Beverages, Inc.

Better Beverages, Inc. is now part of the City's Business Spotlight Program, which embraces companies that foster community pride, provide jobs and contribute to the local economy.

Better Beverages, Inc. opened its main facility in Cerritos in 1970, serving more than 3,000 customers in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino counties, Ventura and San Diego counties. Since 1946, the company has met the carbonic gas and fountain syrup needs of Southern California's restaurant and hospitality community. This family-owned business specializing in beverage gas delivery started as a one-man operation and now includes two distribution facilities that employs 40 people.

Better Beverages, Inc. provides sales, installation, leasing and general services for commercial beverage equipment, including CO2 systems, bulk CO2 systems, CO2 alarms, nitrogen generators, soda fountains, juice systems and frozen beverage systems. Delivery service is available for a full range of bag-in-box soda, juice, mix syrups and frozen beverage syrups.

Located at 10624 Midway Avenue in Cerritos, Better Beverages, Inc. can be reached at (800) 344-5219 or betbev.com.

Heritage Park play island to be renovated

The Cerritos City Council has awarded a \$189,560 contract to David Volz Design (DVD) for architectural design and engineering services for Heritage Park play island renovations.

The Costa Mesa-based park-planning firm DVD designed the Heritage Park play island in 2002. For more information, call the Public Works Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. ■

TV3 Schedule: September

City Council and Commission Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, September 12 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, September 13 and 10 a.m. on Monday, September 16

7 p.m. on Thursday, September 26 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, September 27 and 10 a.m. on Monday, September 30

Fine Arts and Historical Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, September 19 (Live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, September 20 and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, September 5 (Live), rebroadcasts: 3 p.m. on Friday, September 6 and 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4 (live), rebroadcasts: 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 5 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11

Property Preservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25; and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1

Program Highlights

Mayor's Weekly 60

11 a.m. on Sunday, September 1; 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 8; 6 p.m. on Friday, September 13; and 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 28

CCPA Performances: ATMA Ensemble

8 p.m. on Saturday, September 7; 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10; 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 18; and 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 21

CCPA Performances: British Rock Royalty

3 p.m. on Monday, September 2; 8 p.m. on Monday, September 16; 9 p.m. on Friday, September 20; and 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 26

Concerts Under the Stars: Embromar

11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3; 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 7; 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 12; and 9 p.m. on Sunday, September 22

"Nothing Like It In The World" – The Story of the Cerritos Auto Square

12 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4; 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 7; 3 p.m. on Friday, September 13; and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17

Calendar of Events

- September 2 • **Labor Day**
• **City Hall, City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, Library, Senior Center, Community Gymnasiums and CCPA Box Office closed**
- September 3 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 10, 17 and 24. Contact Katie Yen at (562) 833-6711.
• **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 10, 17 and 24. 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 September 10, 17 and 24. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
• **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos. Also on September 17.
- September 4 • **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.
- September 5 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
• **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on September 12 and 26. Contact Manilal Fernando at (562) 402-4700.
• **Cerritos (Mid-City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 12, 19 and 26. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
• **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 12, 19 and 26. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.
• **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 4 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower. Also on September 19 at 5 p.m.
• **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 12, 19 and 26. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
- September 6 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 20. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- September 7 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on September 14, 21 and 28.
• **Paper Shredding & Compost Event**, 8 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park.
- September 9 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 16 and 23. Contact Richard Taylor at (323) 712-0392.
- September 10 • **Cerritos Republican Club**, 7 p.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Dean Grose at (562) 241-0235 or deanlosal@gmail.com or visit cerritos-republican.org.
- September 12 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
• **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Sue Verway at (562) 926-2660.
• **Da' Hawaii Seniors Club**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on September 26. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.
- September 17 • **Autumn Moon Festival**, 5:30-8 p.m., Heritage Park.
- September 18 • **Community Safety Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- September 19 • **Fine Arts and Historical Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
• **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women**, 5 p.m., The Den at Heritage Park. Contact Gail Ross at gailross1947@gmail.com.
- September 24 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- September 26 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.

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988 hotline helps those in mental health crisis

The federal hotline 988 is a lifeline for people struggling with mental-health emergencies. Offered as an alternative to 911, the 988 hotline quickly routes callers to the National Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Crisis Lifeline, which provides confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, seven days a week, throughout the United States. A trained crisis worker answers the phone, listens to the callers, provides support, and gets callers the help that they need. ■

Metropolitan Water District offers conservation rebate program

Residential and commercial rebates are available for qualifying water-saving devices and measures through the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) conservation rebate program. Products eligible for rebates include high-efficiency clothes washers, premium high-efficiency toilets, weather-based irrigation controllers, rotating sprinkler nozzles, rain barrels and cisterns and soil moisture sensor systems. Turf removal also qualifies for rebates.

Rebate amounts may vary and are based on the availability of funding. Visit socialwatersmart.com or call (888) 376-3314 for more information. The MWD is a consortium of 26 cities and water districts that provides drinking water to nearly 19 million people in parts of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. ■

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