

The Cerritos News

March brings Rock, magic, and so much more to the CCPA

Magic is in the air this March at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The lineup offers fun Broadway shows, treats for music and dance fans, and family-friendly delights.

With “What Mattered Most,” Grammy nominee Ty Herndon burst onto the Country music scene and soared to the top. The singer-songwriter followed with a spate of Top 10 hits, including “I Want My Goodbye Back,” “Loved Too Much,” “A Man Holding On,” “Hands of a Working Man,” “Living in a Moment,” and “It Must Be Love.” The Dove Award winner’s latest release is the single “Till You Get There” from the “JACOBS” album. The show comes to the Cerritos Center on Saturday, March 1, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$45.

Round up the family and catch what the “Los Angeles Times” calls the “liveliest lineup of magic acts this side of Las Vegas!” The annual audience favorite, “It’s Magic,” returns with an all-new cast of award-winning performers from around the globe, ready to amaze audiences with sleight-of-hand illusions, stage tricks, comedy, and variety acts. Ticket prices start at just \$54. Prepare to be speechless and spellbound on Sunday, March 2, at 3 p.m.

Catch Andy Grammer, also known as Mr. Positivity in an oftentimes cutthroat industry, as he brings his roster of feel-good music to the Cerritos Center on Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. Get ready for hits like “I Do,” “Keep Your Head Up,” and “Fine by Me.” Ticket prices start at \$54.

Singer-composer-actor Lyle Lovett has broadened the definition of American music in a career that spans 14 albums. Coupled with his gift for storytelling, the Texas-based musician fuses elements of Country, Swing, Jazz, Folk, Gospel, and Blues in a convention-defying manner that breaks down barriers. Enjoy An Evening With Lyle Lovett and His Acoustic Group on Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$64.

It’s a night for true Doo-Wop fans! Broadway stars from “Jersey Boys,” “A Bronx Tale,” “Beautiful,” and “Motown: The Musical” take audiences through Doo-Wop’s evolution from harmonies on a street corner to the biggest hits on the radio today. The ensemble whips up classic Doo-Wop gems (“16 Candles,” “In the Still of the Night”) and puts a Doo-Wop spin on contemporary hits by Amy Winehouse, Adele, Maroon 5, and Garth Brooks. Tickets start at only \$39 for this Friday, March 7 show at 8 p.m.

Kick back and enjoy an afternoon of great music with these founders of the Folk music movement. Grammy winner The Kingston Trio entertains with “Where Have All the Flowers Gone” and the No. One “Billboard” hit “Tom Dooley.” The Limelites lit up the Folk scene with “Whiskey in the Jar” and “Have Some Madeira, M’Dear.” Tickets start at \$50 for the 3 p.m. show on Sunday, March 9.

Throughout his illustrious career spanning more than four decades, celebrated saxophonist Branford Marsalis has dominated the world stage, collecting three Grammy statues. He was Tony-nominated for “Children of a Lesser God,” “Fences,” and “A Raisin in the Sun” and Emmy-nominated for “Tulsa Burning: The 1921 Race Massacre.” Catch the Branford

Marsalis Quartet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 13. Tickets start at \$50 for this Director’s Pick show.

“Chicago” is still the one musical with everything that makes Broadway shimmy-shake: a universal tale of fame, fortune, and all that jazz with one show-stopping song after another and astonishing dancing. In the whirlwind of Chicago’s Jazz Age, two notorious murderesses – vaudeville star Velma Kelly and chorus girl Roxie Hart – become fierce rivals as they compete for headlines amidst a media frenzy. Check it out at the Cerritos Center on Friday, March 14, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 15, at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$44.

Experience Jim Henson’s original masterpiece “Labyrinth” like never before with “Jim Henson’s Labyrinth: In Concert!” Watch the full movie as a live band performs in sync with the late David Bowie’s original vocals, playing the songs and score composed by Bowie and Trevor Jones. Feel the power of the music from the cult classic live at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 17. Tickets start at \$35.

Award-winning composer Rob Kapilow shines the “Spotlight on Simon & Garfunkel” in this “What Makes It Great?” presentation on Wednesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. With live performances by well-known Broadway vocalists and a ’60s-style band, Kapilow explores the music and stories behind Simon & Garfunkel’s hit songs, such as “Mrs. Robinson,” “Bridge Over Troubled Water,” and “The Sound of Silence.” Tickets are \$60 for this show sponsored by George & Bev Ray.

“The New York Times” calls The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain “sheer fun and outright daffiness tied to first-rate musicality and comic timing.” Forget drums, pianos, backing tracks, or electronic trickery – it’s just catchy, foot-stomping tunes on ukuleles when The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain returns to Cerritos. Expect anything – from Tchaikovsky to Lady Gaga and Nirvana via Otis Redding. Tickets start at only \$43 for this Friday, March 21 show at 8 p.m.

Emmy winner Benise is back! “The Prince of the Spanish Guitar” brings the best of his last 25 years in a brand new show. Expect soaring vocals, vibrant costumes, riveting dances, and so much more in this evening guaranteed to be packed full of “Passion!” The “Denver Rocky Mountain News” declared the show a “spark of genius.” Tickets start at \$54 for the 7:30 p.m. performance on Saturday, March 22. Limited VIP packages with special perks are available.

Unbridled energy plus 400-year-old instruments equal heart-thumping rhythms and explosive beats. Since its 1993 inception, YAMATO has mesmerized more than 2 million fans with its mastery of Japanese drums. “The Scotsman” crowned it “Pure energy meets spiritual high.” The ensemble’s performances enforce its core belief – that the drumbeat (like the heartbeat) is the very pulse of life. Tickets start at \$50 for this show on Sunday, March 23, at 3 p.m.

Old-school melodies get fresh, funky feels. Often compared to icons like Prince, Bruno Mars, Marvin Gaye, and The Four Tops, the men of Uptown shred the Cerritos Center stage, fusing fancy footwork and smooth vocals. Expect an electrifying show guaranteed to get crowds on their feet dancing to today’s top



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

hits and classic Motown songs at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 29. Tickets start at \$40.

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

Cerritos voter update: vote now in the Tuesday, March 4, 2025 Cerritos General Municipal Election

The ballot for this election features races for three Cerritos City Council seats, for full four-year terms, and two proposed Charter Amendment Measures regarding modifications to generally clean up the City’s Charter and whether voters shall approve any future changes to the City’s General Municipal Election date. Each active, registered Cerritos voter receives a vote-by-mail ballot for this election pursuant to State law. No return postage is required. Vote now through Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 8 p.m. Vote by mail, drop a ballot in a drop box at Cerritos Civic Center or Cerritos Park East, deliver to the Cerritos Elections Official at the Cerritos Civic Center, or bring your ballot and return envelope to vote in person at the Cerritos Civic Center.

For more information, visit cerritos.gov/election2025 or call (562) 916-1248. ■



Scan the QR code to view election information at cerritos.gov/election2025

Reset your clocks on March 9

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 9. Set your clocks forward one hour and replace smoke alarm batteries. Check the units to ensure they are functioning properly.

A typical smoke alarm has a lifespan of approximately 10 years. A properly functioning smoke alarm can greatly reduce the risks of death and/or injuries in the event of a fire. ■



Mayor's Weekly60



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

City Council Recap



Scan the QR code to view City Council meeting minutes and agendas at cerritos.gov/agendas

City of Cerritos launches burglary abatement webpage

The City of Cerritos is strengthening its burglary prevention and response strategies with the launch of a new webpage to inform residents of recent safety initiatives and offer support resources.

The new webpage, cerritos.gov/burglarydefense, details recent actions by the City Council and Cerritos Sheriff's Station, provides actionable tips and resources for residents, and updates on the City's ongoing efforts.

Since November, the City has taken significant steps to bolster public safety in response to citizen concerns. The actions align with the City's Strategic Goal of Enhancing Public Safety, which includes the reclassification of dispatch calls to reduce response times and increased patrol staffing. In addition, the City has expanded the use of advanced technology tools such as Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras and the use of drones in support of field deputies.

Cerritos residents are also encouraged to get involved by joining a Neighborhood Watch Group, signing up for safety alerts, and attending safety meetings. Learn more at cerritos.gov/burglarydefense. ■



Scan the QR code to access the Burglary Abatement page at cerritos.gov/burglarydefense

Program fights fraud, notifies homeowners

In an effort to ensure accuracy and protect property owners from real estate fraud, the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs offers an Enhanced Homeowner Notification Program, which notifies residential property owners throughout Los Angeles County when documents are recorded against their property.

Under the program, owners are alerted within five to 30 business days after certain documents are recorded on their property, including those that pertain to an ownership change, show loans taken against the home, or a Notice of Default or Notice of Sale.

Document copies are sent to homeowners to review for accuracy and legitimacy, giving owners the opportunity to take adequate steps to deal with an impending foreclosure or real estate fraud.

Interested property owners can opt-in for e-notification at dca.lacounty.gov/portfolio/homeowner-notification-program/. The service emails owners within two days of a document's recording and follows up with a hard copy of the document in the mail. ■



Scan the QR code to access the L.A. County Homeowner Notification Program webpage.

Join the City of Cerritos team!

The City of Cerritos is actively hiring for several positions and invites you to apply. Unlock a rewarding career in public service by joining a dynamic and diverse team of professionals across five departments, all committed to ensuring the safety, vitality, and well-being of the Cerritos community.

See what current employees have to say about their experience in Cerritos and view the latest job postings at cerritos.gov/jobs.

Cerritos was incorporated in 1956 as the City of Dairy Valley and officially was named Cerritos in 1967. The City offers top-notch services to residents, businesses and visitors, from its beautiful parks system and Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park to its state-of-the-art Library and renowned Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Cerritos is also known for its quality schools and bustling business community, which includes the Cerritos Auto Square, Cerritos Towne Center, and Los Cerritos Center. ■



Scan the QR code to access the Jobs and Volunteering page at cerritos.gov/jobs

Arbor Week poster contest entries sought

The City of Cerritos is hosting an Arbor Week art poster contest with the theme "Trees Build Communities." The contest is open to Cerritos residents ages 5 to 14 and students in the ABC Unified School District, Valley Christian Schools, or Bellflower Unified School District.

Entries must be original artwork, no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches, and may feature any drawing or painting materials (pencils, chalks, pastels, crayons, watercolors and/or acrylics). Do not mat, mount or frame the posters. Include the artist's name, age, address, and phone number on the back of the poster or use the official entry form (available at cerritos.gov). Completed entries must be dropped off at the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 4.

Winning artwork will be displayed on the City's website at cerritos.gov starting Monday, April 28, through Monday, May 26. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

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. ■

The Friends of the Cerritos Library hosts Writers Festival

A don't-miss for bookworms and aspiring writers, the second annual Writers Festival to celebrate the magic of storytelling will be held at the Cerritos Library's Skyline Room on Saturday, March 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is open to ages 18 and older.

Hosted by The Friends of the Cerritos Library, the festival will include a luncheon, entertainment, and a six-author panel discussion followed by a book-signing.

Featured authors include Jennifer Coburn of "The Girls of the Glimmer Factory"; Melissa Chadburn, who wrote the acclaimed "A Tiny Upward Shove"; Elise Bryant, a NAACP Image Award nominee, who wrote "It's Elementary"; bestselling author Amy Meyerson, who penned the novel "The Love Scribe"; Maria Amparo Escandion, who scribed "L.A. Weather"; and Naomi Hirahara of "Evergreen."

Proceeds will support The Friends of the Cerritos Library in its mission to raise funds for library programs and services.

Registration is \$60 for The Friends of the Cerritos Library members and \$70 for non-members. Guests can register online at friendsofthecerritoslibrary.eventbrite.com or by mailing a check to Friends of the City of Cerritos Library, P.O. Box 3876, Cerritos, CA, 90703. Payments submitted by check should include a note of the guests' names and phone number or email address.

The Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue. For more details on the event, call (562) 916-1342. ■



Scan the QR code to register online for the Friends of the Cerritos Library Writers Festival.

Cerritos focuses on strategic goals

Enhancements to public safety, economic development, and investments in personnel and technology resources are among the long-term initiatives in the City of Cerritos' new Strategic Plan.

Approved by the Cerritos City Council on December 12, 2024, the Strategic Plan includes eight overarching goals and implementing objectives to guide the City's efforts in elevating services for residents and businesses.

Feedback received from a series of engagement sessions played an important role in the plan's development. Tripepi Smith conducted meetings with the City Council, staff, and community stakeholders, including two in-person community sessions. Cerritos residents and staff were also invited to share their feedback through an online questionnaire.

Upon analysis of staff and community feedback, in consultation with the City Council and executive leadership, the following Strategic Plan goals were established for Cerritos:

1. Enhance Public Safety
2. Attract and Retain a High Skilled Work Force
3. Assess and Maintain Infrastructure
4. Strengthen Economic Development
5. Improve Technology Resources
6. Focus on Fiscal Transparency and Sustainability
7. Improve Community Communications
8. Ensure Continued Excellence in Community Recreation and Community Programming

For additional information on the Strategic Plan, the planning process, and to follow updates throughout its implementation, visit cerritos.gov/strategy. ■



Scan the QR code to access the Strategic Plan page at cerritos.gov/strategy

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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.gov.

CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at cerritos.gov 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 **Sat., Mar. 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Sat., Mar. 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. Space is limited to 40 participants.

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

14284 Thurs., Mar. 20

14285 Thurs., Mar. 27

14286 Thurs., Apr. 3

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

14287 Sat., Mar. 8

STORYTIME SPOTLIGHT:

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Join us for a special storytime to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and legacy! We'll read inspiring stories about his dream for equality and justice, followed by a hands-on craft to help children reflect on kindness, peace and making the world a better place. Space is limited to 15 participants.

14203 Tues., Jan. 14 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 4-8 Little Theater

STEAM AFTERNOONS

Discover the achievements of female scientists and participate in fun STEAM-related activities. Space is limited to 10 participants, ages 8-12.

14290 Fri., Mar. 7 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

14291 Fri., Mar. 14 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CRAFT

Join us for a fun craft celebrating St. Patrick's Day! Space is limited to 18 participants.

14288 Mon., Mar. 10 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Ages 7-12 Art Studio

WORKING TOGETHER STORYTIME

DoodleBugs Animal Adventures presents a storytime where participants learn how plants and animals help each other. Children will listen to exciting stories, sing songs, and see live animals. Space is limited to 30 participants.

14289 Thurs., Mar. 13 11 a.m.
Ages 5 and under Little Theater

MOSAIC WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

Learn the art of pique assiette, a style of mosaic using recycled materials with various textures, colors and patterns, in a workshop presented by artist Dawn Mendelson. Each participant will create a small heart-shaped piece using repurposed ceramic and scrap glass. All materials are included. The fee is \$5 per child. Space is limited to 15 participants.

14292 Tues., Mar. 18 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

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

14293 Fri., Mar. 21 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-5 Little Theater

BABIES 'N' BOOKS

Children and caregivers participate in music, nursery rhymes, simple stories and books. The class is limited to 20 participants. For more information, call (562) 916-1343. No class on April 21.

14294 Mon.,
Mar. 31-May 12 11 a.m.
Ages 6-25 mos. Little Theater

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft activity. The class is limited to 18 participants. No class on April 22.

14295 Tues.,
Apr. 1-May 13 11 a.m.
Ages 3-5 Art Studio

HOMEWORK HELP

An after-school homework help program will be offered for Cerritos residents. Students should bring their homework and a book to read. A parent or designated individual is required to sign students in and out of each class meeting. Space is limited to 15 participants per class. Please register for only one of the following sessions. No class on April 22 & April 23.

14296 Tues.,
Apr. 1-May 13 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Grades 1-3 Art Studio

14297 Wed.,
Apr. 2-May 14 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Grades 3-6 Art Studio

CHILD & TEEN READ ALOUD

Children who are able to read are invited to participate in special read aloud sessions. These children will be teamed up with energetic teens during this weekly program. To be eligible for this program, all participants must attend the first day of class for testing. Space is limited to 10 participants. No class on April 23.

14300 Wed.,
Apr. 2-May 14 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 6-8 Little Theater

CLASSIC EDUCATIONAL BOARD GAMES FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Students will be introduced and learn to play different games with a tutor and other students. These games will stimulate your child's vocabulary, math and geography knowledge, and critical thinking skills. They will learn to follow rules and directions, while improving social behavior, and have fun. A parent or designated individual must sign students in and out of each class meeting. Space is limited to 12 participants per class meeting. No class on April 24.

14302 Thurs.,
Apr. 3-May 15 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

March Manga Madness

Join us for a fun month filled with exciting manga activities!

SPOTLIGHT STORYTIME: POKÉMON

Join us for a fun story time filled with Pokémon books and fun, followed by a Pokémon-inspired craft! Space is limited to 15 participants.

14303 Sat., Mar. 15
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Ages 4-9 Little Theater/
Art Studio

ANIME CANVAS PAINTING

Paint your favorite anime character on a canvas frame! Space is limited to 12 participants.

14304 Thurs., Mar. 20 4-5 p.m.
Ages 8-15 Art Studio

MANGA STICKER BOMBING

Make fun manga and anime-themed folders by adding manga panels, stickers and icons in a method called sticker bombing. Space is limited to 20 participants.

14305 Fri., Mar. 21 4-5 p.m.
Ages 12-16 Art Studio

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POKÉMON FAUX STAINED GLASS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

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

14306 Mon., Mar. 31 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Ages 10-15 Art Studio

ANIME FILM: "PRINCESS MONONOKE" (1997)

Join us for a screening of "Princess Mononoke," directed by Hayao Miyazaki. This film explores the delicate balance between humanity and nature through the story of Ashitaka and his encounters with the mystical creatures of the forest. This movie has a running time of 134 minutes and it is rated PG-13.

Tues., Mar. 18 3:45 p.m.
Ages 13 and up Skyline Room

SILENT MANGA TRIVIA

Test your knowledge of manga trivia in a friendly competition. Join us in the Teen Studio, where we will display trivia questions on the monitors. Participants can join quietly using their smartphones or the Library's computers by accessing a QR code or website URL that will be provided. Prizes will be awarded to the winners! No registration is required.

Tues., Mar. 25 3:45 p.m.
Ages 13-18 Teen Studio

MANGA FAMILY COLORING AFTERNOON

Relax, socialize and explore your creativity in a tranquil setting. A selection of manga coloring sheets and art materials will be available for all ages. While supplies last, space is limited.

Sat., Mar. 29 1-2 p.m.
All Ages Art Studio

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

WEST AFRICAN KORA CONCERT

Sean Gaskell will give a performance and educational demonstration on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. He will feature traditional songs that are the heart and soul of the kora's musical repertoire in addition to some of his own personal compositions.

Mon., Mar. 3 7 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

ASTRONOMY NIGHT 2025

Astronomy Night features a presentation on what we can view in the night sky, astrophotos by the Orange County Astronomers Club and an opportunity to view celestial bodies through telescopes. Participants will enjoy robotic demonstrations by the Cerritos High School Robotics Club, make their own astrophotos in the Hi-Tech Lab and view an exhibit of astrophotos by local Cerritos photographer Trung Nguy.

Wed., Mar. 5 6-8:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room and Terrace

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "The Women" by Kristin Hannah. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Wed., Mar. 19 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "FIELD OF DREAMS" (1989)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Field of Dreams," starring Kevin Costner with James Earl Jones and Ray Liotta, followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 107 minutes.

Thurs., Mar. 20 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

MEET CHILDREN'S AUTHOR APRIL SHOWERS

April Showers is a pioneering entrepreneur and the founder of Afro Unicorn, the first Black woman-owned fully licensed character brand in major retail. Join us for a special storytime and discussion of Shower's latest graphic novel, "Afro Unicorn: Afronia Academy, Vol. 2." The Cerritos Library is pleased to partner with Mija Books which will have copies of her books available for purchase.

Fri., Mar. 28 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Little Theater

MATH HOMEWORK HELP

An after-school mathematics homework help program will be offered for elementary aged students. Students should bring their math homework and a book to read. A parent or designated individual is required to sign students in and out of each class meeting. Space is limited to 20 participants per class. No class on April 21.

Mon., Mar. 31-May 12
3:45-4:45 p.m.
Grades 1-6 Art Studio

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT MONDAYS

Children and parents will participate in 30-45 minutes of songs and movement activities that enhance both the growth and fine motor skills of the child. The class is limited to 30 participants. No class on April 21.

Mon., Mar. 31-May 12
5:15 p.m.
Ages 4-6 Little Theater

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on spring craft will be held for ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes. For more information, call (562) 916-1343.

Fri., Apr. 4 11 a.m.-12 p.m. & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

WRITERS FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY FRIENDS OF THE CERRITOS LIBRARY

The Friends of the Cerritos Library second annual Writers Festival will be presented from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 29 in the Library's Skyline Room. The event features a high tea experience with a lunch by Porto's bakery, and an author panel discussion followed by a book signing. Registration is \$60 for members of the Friends of the Cerritos Library and \$70 for non-members. Featured authors include Amy Meyerson ("The Love Scribe"), Elise Bryant

("It's Elementary"), Jennifer Coburn ("The Girls of the Glimmer Factory"), María Amparo Escandón ("L.A. Weather"), Melissa Chadburn ("A Tiny Upward Shove"), and Naomi Hirahara ("Evergreen"). Registration for members of the Friends begins on Saturday, February 15 and registration for non-members opens on Saturday, March 1. Guests can register online at friendsofthecerritoslibrary.eventbrite.com or by mailing a check to Friends of the City of Cerritos Library P.O. Box 3876 Cerritos, CA 90703. Payments submitted by check should include a note of the guests' names and phone number or email address. Proceeds from this event will support the Friends of the Cerritos Library's mission to promote the library in the community and raise funds for library programs and services. For more information, please contact the Friends President Shiva Bhatt at 562-714-4480 or e-mail shivabhatt@gmail.com.

CONTESTS FOR TALENTED TEENS

The 26th Annual Teen Contests are open to all students with valid Cerritos Library cards and attending grades 7 through 12. All entries must be original. One entry per person is allowed for each category. Gift certificates to a bookstore will be presented to the winners at a reception in May. The contests are sponsored by the Friends of the Cerritos Library. The deadline for all entries is Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Librarian Pedro Orellana at (562) 916-1342.

Themes and Specifications:

Art: "My Heritage" (No larger than 12" x 18" and using any medium)

Photography: "Capture the Mood" (No larger than 8" x 10")

Poetry: "Hope" (Up to 50 lines)

Short Story: "Heroes" (No more than 500 words)

Library Displays

THE COSMOS — AS SEEN FROM CERRITOS

Photographer Trung Nguy presents a cosmic photo gallery of astronomical images photographed from his home in Cerritos. Nguy captures interstellar images using advanced techniques to minimize the effects of light pollution. The exhibit will be on display in the main lobby of the Library beginning March 1 and runs through the end of April.

FOLD FOR LIFE ORIGAMI

Fold for Life: Raising Kidney Health Awareness Through Origami will be presented by Sohum Bhargava and the Circle of Core Kidney Foundation. Explore educational displays, read inspiring stories from kidney transplant recipients and donors and view stunning origami art, including modular pieces collaboratively created by kidney patients to symbolize the complexity and resilience of kidney function. Learn how to care for your kidneys, adopt healthier habits and discover the impact of organ donation. This display will be in the local history room through the month of March.

Recreation Services seeking volunteers

The Recreation Services Division's volunteer program offers ample opportunities for adults and teens 13 and older who would like to serve their community.

Volunteers are required to have a City of Cerritos Recreation Services Division Volunteer Application/Waiver on file. They will be fingerprinted and must attend a volunteer orientation workshop prior to being assigned to any program or event. The next orientations are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, and Wednesday, April 16, at Heritage Park. Volunteers are also required to attend two enrichment workshops a year to maintain their active status.

The Application/Waiver is available online in the Recreation volunteering section of the City's website at cerritos.gov/recvolunteer or at any Cerritos community center. Volunteers younger than 18 must obtain a signature from their parent or guardian.

For more information, call Heritage Park at (562) 916-8570. ■



Scan the QR code to access the Recreation webpage at cerritos.gov/recvolunteer

Sign up for Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase

Cerritos residents are invited to participate in the Talent Showcase celebrating the City's 69th anniversary, which will be cablecast on Cerritos TV3 at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 25; Saturday, April 26; and Sunday, April 27. The show features Cerritos residents, ages 4 and older, in singing, dancing, and musical performances.

To participate, complete and submit the digital entry form available at cerritos.gov through Monday, March 3. Qualifying acts will be notified by email and must record their performances on Monday, April 7, or Tuesday, April 8, by appointment only. The number of acts will be limited and acts cannot exceed four minutes. Group performances may include a maximum of six members (at least half of the group must be Cerritos residents). Recorded accompaniment music must be in mp3 format. Participation certificates will be issued.

For more information, call Cerritos Park East at (562) 407-2611. ■



Scan the QR code for more on the Talent Showcase at cerritos.gov/talentshowcase

Business Spotlight

Regal Cerritos

Regal Cerritos was selected for the City's Business Spotlight Program, which highlights local businesses that foster pride in the City's community and economy.

Opened in 1994, Regal Cerritos offers local moviegoers 10 screens of entertainment. In 2024, Regal Cerritos celebrated 30 years of entertaining customers in the Cerritos Towne Center.

Regal Cerritos offers guests the latest Hollywood and international releases, an updated range of theatre concessions, collectible movie merchandise, and a dedicated and friendly staff. The theatre also provides patrons with reduced-price tickets for their Monday Mystery Movie and Regal Value Days programs.

Located at 12761 Towne Center Drive in Cerritos, Regal Cerritos can be reached at (562) 403-1147 or REGmovies.com.

Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular set for April 26

Cerritos residents are invited to attend the City's Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular Celebrating the City's 69th anniversary at the Cerritos Sports Complex on Saturday, April 26, from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Entertainment will begin with a dance recital featuring the City's youth dance classes. Local talent and professional acts will also be on display. A fireworks display will be presented at 8:30 p.m.

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

Free document shredding offered on March 15

The City of Cerritos is offering a paper shredding event from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 15. The event will be held in the parking lot of the Cerritos Senior Center located at 12340 South Street.

Community members 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.

In addition to the shredding event, each participating resident 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.

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



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TV3 Schedule: March

City Council, Commission, and Committee Meetings

Cerritos City Council Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, March 13 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, March 14 and 10 a.m. on Monday, March 17

7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, March 21 and 10 a.m. on Monday, March 24

7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26 (live), rebroadcasts: 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 27 and 10 a.m. on Friday, March 28

7 p.m. on Thursday, March 27 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, March 28 and 10 a.m. on Monday, March 31

Fine Arts and Historical Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, March 21 and 7 p.m. on Monday, March 24

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Thursday, March 6 (live), rebroadcasts: 3 p.m. on Friday, March 7 and 7 p.m. on Monday, March 10

Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5 (live), rebroadcasts: 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 6 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12

Property Preservation Commission Meeting

7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1

Program Highlights

City of Cerritos Municipal Election Coverage (live)

8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4

Mayor's Weekly 60

2 p.m. on Saturday, March 1; 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 9; 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 15; and 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 16

CCPA Performances: Rob Kapilow's "What Makes It Great?"

11 a.m. on Sunday, March 2; 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 8; 11 a.m. on Monday, March 10; 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18; and 5 p.m. on Monday, March 24

CCPA Performances: Night Fever

9 p.m. on Friday, March 7; 9 p.m. on Sunday, March 9; 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11; and 8 p.m. on Monday, March 31

Cerritos Resident Talent Showcase 2024

4 p.m. on Monday, March 3; 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 8; 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 13; and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25

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

2 p.m. on Sunday, March 2; 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 8; 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12; and 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 20

For Cerritos TV3 schedule and streaming video, visit: cerritos.gov/tv3



Scan the QR code to access the Cerritos TV3 page.

Calendar of Events

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- March 1 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on March 8, 15, 22, and 29.
 - March 3 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 10, 17, and 24. Contact Richard Taylor at (323) 712-0392.
 - March 4 • **Cerritos General Municipal Election**
 - **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd.
 - **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 11, 18, and 25. Contact Katie Yen at (562) 833-6711.
 - **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 11, 18, and 25. Contact Wen Chang at (626) 500-5035.
 - **The “Original” Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 11, 18, and 25. Contact Lucita Cordero at (714) 947-6456.
 - March 5 • **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.
 - March 6 • **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 March 13 and 27. Contact Harold Bazarian at (562) 884-2913.
 - **Cerritos (Mid-City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 13, 20, and 27. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
 - **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 13, 20, and 27. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.
 - **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 13, 20, and 27. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
 - March 7 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 21. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
 - March 9 • **Daylight saving time begins**
 - March 11 • **Cerritos Republican Club**, 6 p.m., Malibu Room at Cerritos Park East. Contact sdjpr59@aol.com or visit cerritos-republican.org.
 - March 13 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber, Also on March 19 and 27.
 - **Woman’s Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Rhonda Burd at (562) 843-2468.
 - **Da’ Hawaii Seniors Club**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on March 27. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.
 - **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 4 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower. Also on March 27.
 - March 20 • **Fine Arts & Historical Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
 - **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University of Women**, 6:30 p.m., 20122 Cabrillo Lane, Cerritos. For further information, call 562-924-5227
 - March 25 • **Property Preservation Commission**, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
 - March 26 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts,
 - **Let Freedom Ring Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Heritage Park.
 - March 29 • **Friends of the Cerritos Library Writers Festival**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Cerritos Library

City saves drinking water by irrigating with recycled water

Committed to the preservation of the environment and conservation of water, the City of Cerritos has taken steps to conserve natural resources through a recycled-water distribution system. Cerritos irrigates more than 200 acres of City-owned property – including most parks, parkways, decorative fountains and medians – with recycled water.

The use of recycled water saves about 722 million gallons of potable drinking water annually and is billed monthly at about half the cost of drinking water. In addition to being used on City-owned property, the recycled water is used to irrigate schools, a county park, cemeteries, freeway landscaping, and some privately owned landscaped areas. Originating from industries, businesses and homes, the waste water is treated by a three-stage process by the Sanitation District before being used for irrigation.

For more information about the City’s recycled water system or water conservation, call the Water Division at (562) 407-2674. ■

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