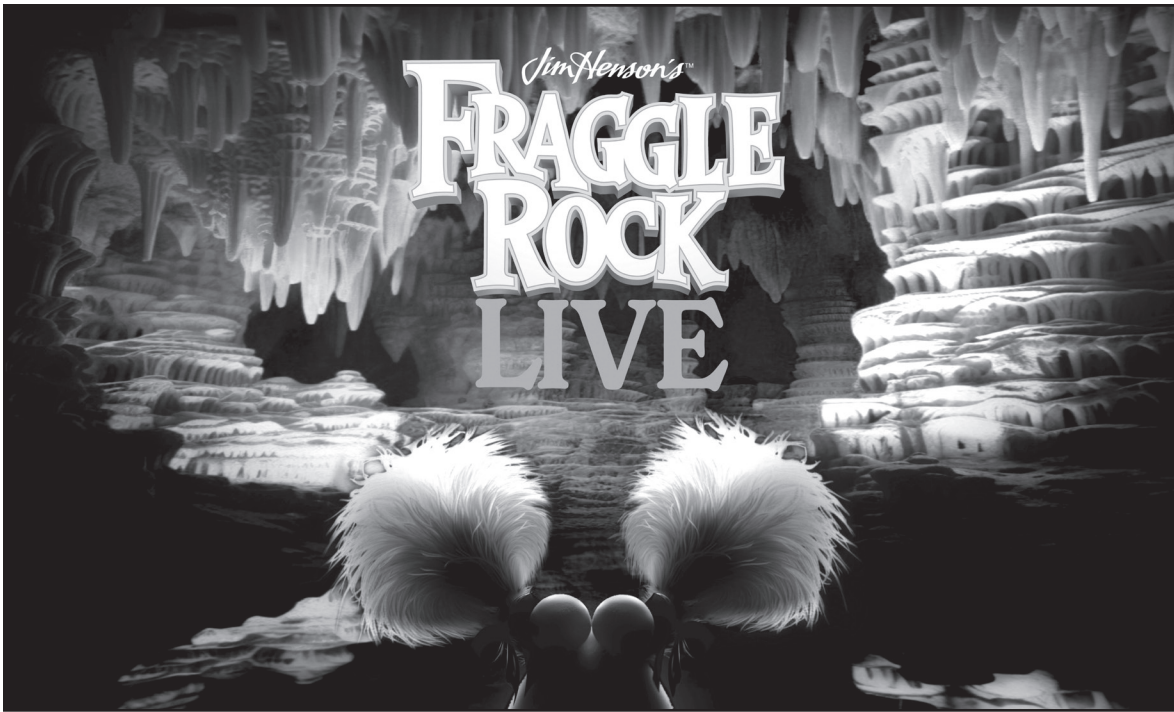


# The Cerritos News

## CCPA welcomes 2025 with jubilant January lineup



*"Fraggle Rock" performs live at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday, January 30.*

Kick off the new year right with a January jackpot of exciting shows at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA).

Elvis has not left the building! "Elvis: The Concert of Kings" is sure to get audiences "All Shook Up" as three of the best tribute artists bring "The King" back to life. The sizzling night is packed with his biggest hits from the '50s, '60s, and '70s. Think "Jailhouse Rock," "Hound Dog," "Suspicious Minds," and "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" With tickets starting at only \$64, this concert is a must-see! Catch it on Friday, January 10 at 8 p.m.

It's an afternoon packed with laughs when Rita Rudner and Gary Mule Deer take the CCPA stage on Sunday, January 12. Rudner's comedy routines about life, men, and relationships have earned her acclaim, fans, and an American Comedy Award. The comedienne inspired HBO's "Born to Be Mild" and "Rita Rudner: Married Without Children." Grand Ole Opry inductee Mule Deer was called "the funniest man on the planet" by "Entertainment Tonight." "Las Vegas Magazine" raved about his "beautiful singing voice that can stand on its own." Mule Deer's works include "Six Days on the Road" and "The World's Greatest Stand-Up Comedy Collection." Tickets start at \$54 for the 3 p.m. performance.

Vocalist-musician Brody Dolyniuk pays tribute to Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Peter Dinklage in a brand new production marked with video and synchronized lighting. The show features hits from the six-time Grammy winner, including "Sledgehammer," "Big Time," "Shock the Monkey," "In Your Eyes," and songs from the five-time Platinum album "So." Dolyniuk is the mastermind behind the acclaimed productions "Zeppelin USA," "British Rock Royalty," and "The Pink Floyd Wall Experience." Tickets start at \$44 for the 8 p.m. show on Friday, January 17.

That Motown Band and The Modern Gentlemen join forces at the CCPA for a night of Motown memories! That Motown Band delivers all your favorite tunes (think "Heat Wave," "Ain't Too Proud to Beg," "Baby Love," "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," and "My Girl") live! The Modern Gentlemen puts

its spin on No. One hits from The Beach Boys, The Beatles, Queen, The Bee Gees, and Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. The Modern Gentlemen's albums include "The Modern Gentlemen: Volume 1" and "Happiest Days." The Modern Gentlemen will perform first. Ticket prices start at \$62 for the 8 p.m. show on Saturday, January 18.

Grab the kids and head for "The Aluminum Show," which BBC News called "an amazing visual show." Dancers and actors breathe life into aluminum-made industrial materials to tell the story of an astronaut trying to escape a metallic world and find his way home. It's a "one of a kind attraction," hails "Broadway World." Tickets start at only \$44 for the 7 p.m. performance on Friday, January 24.

Take high-energy music, add a touch of classic Hollywood and you have Phat Cat Swinger! The Pop band brings to life re-imagined musical arrangements from Frank Sinatra to Michael Bubl , Disney, and everything in between. The 11-piece ensemble calls itself "the little Big Band," but it has collaborated with bigwigs such as Christina Aguilera and The Jonas Brothers. Phat Cat Swinger plays at 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 25. Tickets start at \$44.

Since its debut on "America's Got Talent," The Texas Tenors has garnered multiple awards and accolades, charming an international fan base with chart-topping albums and the Emmy-winning PBS special "You Should Dream." Named one of the Top 10 Classical artists in the world by "Billboard" magazine, the trio tackles Broadway tunes, Country songs, and hits from Bruno Mars to Puccini with breathtaking vocals, humor, and good old cowboy charm. See for yourself when the tenors take the spotlight on Sunday, January 26 at 3 p.m. Ticket prices start at just \$44.

There are many plays about historic Underground Railroad "conductor" Harriet Tubman, but none share her entire life story like this. In "The Spirit of Harriet Tubman," Leslie McCurdy re-creates stories using words believed to have been Tubman's own, exploring the faith and conviction that guided Tubman from her early childhood to her elder years, giving the abolitionist the drive to change the world and the



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courage to risk her life leading slaves to freedom. The performance is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28. Tickets are only \$10.

The all-new musical "Fraggle Rock" is a sure hit with the kids! When Gobo Fraggles discovers a legend about a long lost Fraggles treasure called the Great Song Stone, his pals (Mokey, Boober, Wembley, and Red) join him on an adventure to find it. Along the way they celebrate the greatest treasure of all – something much more special than they could have ever imagined! The stage show is produced by The Jim Henson Company and written and directed by John Tartaglia. Puppets are by Jim Henson's Creature Shop. VIP package details are available on the CCPA's website. The Director's Pick show is at 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 30. Tickets start at only \$39.

This is "the greatest rock band ever assembled for Broadway, period!" hailed the "N.Y. Daily News." The band and singers reunite from the cast of the Tony-nominated Broadway musical "Rock of Ages" to perform '80s Rock songs the way they were meant to be played! Enjoy their fresh spin on the era's biggest hits from icons such as Bon Jovi, Foreigner, Journey, Whitesnake, Poison, Joan Jett, M tley Crue, and many more. Broadway's Rock of Ages Band plays at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 31. Ticket prices start at \$44.

Get tickets at [cerritoscenter.com](http://cerritoscenter.com) or call the Box Office at (562) 916-8500. ■

## Timely removal of Christmas lights and decorations required

Residents are reminded to remove all Christmas lights and decorations in a timely fashion. The Cerritos Municipal Code requires that decorations and lights be removed within 15 days after a holiday to maintain the City's park-like appearance. Therefore, lights should be removed by Thursday, January 9. ■

## Christmas tree recycling offered for residents

Residents in single-family homes can recycle their Christmas trees beginning Thursday, December 26 through Friday, January 17 by placing them at the curb for pick-up by 7 a.m. on their trash collection days. The trees will be composted or used for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District's daily landfill cover.

Trees to be recycled should not contain any lights, tinsel, nails, metal stands or decorations, and should not be placed in bags. Trees more than 4 feet tall should be cut in half. Flocked trees will be accepted.

Businesses in Cerritos or residents living in apartments or condominiums can place trees next to their trash bin for collection. For more information, call the City's Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220. ■

# City Council Recap



Scan the QR code to view City Council meeting minutes and agendas at [cerritos.gov/agendas](https://cerritos.gov/agendas)

## City Council approves appointment of Cerritos City Clerk

The Cerritos City Council on Thursday, December 12 approved the hiring of Cynthia Nava as City Clerk. Nava, who brings 22 years of administrative experience in city government, was selected following a search from an independent firm retained by the Council. She had been Acting City Clerk since the retirement of Vida Barone in September.

“The Cerritos City Council is pleased to approve the hiring of Cynthia Nava to lead the City Clerk’s Office,” said Cerritos Mayor Naresh Solanki. “Additionally, we’d like to express our gratitude for her service these past several months as Acting City Clerk and throughout her career with the City.”

Nava first joined the City of Cerritos in 2002 in the Building and Safety Division. She advanced through the organization, supporting the Recreation Services Division before joining the City Clerk’s Office in 2018, giving her a unique perspective on the many facets of the City. Nava received her Bachelor’s Degree from California State University, Fullerton, where she also received a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. She holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

“I would like to share my sincere thanks to the Cerritos City Council for this appointment and their support of the City Clerk’s Office,” said Nava. “I’m also appreciative of the guidance and collaboration through the City Manager’s Office and all departments during this transition. I’m excited to continue working alongside our staff, residents and government partners to build upon the strong foundation laid by my predecessor and enhance our service to the Cerritos community.”

“We are excited to grow our partnership with Mrs. Nava, who has demonstrated strong leadership, work ethic, and teamwork qualities during her tenure with the City,” said City Manager Robert A. Lopez. “The City Clerk plays a vital role to ensuring the effective implementation of governance proceedings, and we are confident in Mrs. Nava’s continued efforts in this role.”

Under the City’s Charter and governing documents, the City Council directly hires the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk.

The City Clerk serves as the municipal corporate governance officer for the City of Cerritos in accordance with the City Charter, State of California Government Codes and ordinances adopted by the City Council. The City Clerk’s Office administers the City’s primary citywide municipal corporate governance programs including legislative services, information and records management, elections administration, and legal and regulatory compliance with federal, state, and local statutes. Additionally, the Office officiates legal proceedings on behalf of the City to ensure full transparency to the public and interested parties and serves as the agency’s Notary Public. ■

## 2025 Election Dates: Cerritos General Municipal, State Special Primary

Cerritos voters have the opportunity to participate in separate elections at the City and State levels in the coming months.

The next Cerritos General Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. The ballot will feature races for three Cerritos City Council seats, for full four-year terms, and two proposed Charter Amendment Measures. Each voter will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for this election pursuant to State law. No return postage is required. Voters will have several options, including an in-person voting experience, to cast their ballots beginning Monday, February 3, 2025. The last day to register to vote for the March election is Monday, February 17, 2025. Voters wishing to vote in person at City Hall during the voting period for the Tuesday, March 4, 2025 Cerritos General Municipal Election should bring with them their vote-by-mail ballots.

The public is also advised that the recently called California State Senate District 36 Special Primary Election will be conducted on February 25, 2025. Cerritos voters will be receiving a separate ballot for this election from the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, and should pay special attention to the completion and placement of vote-by-mail ballots in their appropriate envelopes.

Updated election information is available in multiple languages on the City’s website at [cerritos.gov](https://cerritos.gov). For more information, please contact the Office of the City Clerk/Elections Official at (562) 916-1248 or by email at [election2025@cerritos.us](mailto:election2025@cerritos.us). ■



Scan the QR code to view election information at [cerritos.gov/election2025](https://cerritos.gov/election2025)

## 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.us](https://safercerritos.us). ■

## City Council approves appointment of Cerritos City Attorney

The Cerritos City Council on Thursday, December 12 approved the hiring of Pam Lee as City Attorney. Lee, who brings 17 years of service in legal affairs, is an Equity Partner with Aleshire & Wynder law firm in Orange County. She currently serves as the City Attorney for the Cities of Calabasas and Hesperia.

“The City Council is pleased to welcome Pam Lee to Cerritos to lead the City Attorney’s Office,” said Cerritos Mayor Naresh Solanki. “We look forward to her counsel as part of our commitment to providing high-quality community support services.”

Lee’s legal affairs background includes service with the cities of Rialto, Lynwood, and as the Assistant/Interim City Attorney for the City of Cerritos. Over her career, she has successfully argued and defended municipal litigation matters in State and Federal courts, including successfully arguing an eminent domain/regulatory takings case before the California Supreme Court. Most recently, Lee won an important lawsuit on behalf of charter cities against the State challenging the constitutionality of SB 9, a State law that in essence eliminated single family residential zones. The City of Cerritos participated in that lawsuit via an amicus brief.

“I’m excited to once again serve the City of Cerritos and am thankful to the City Council for their consideration and support,” said Lee. “I am looking forward to working on behalf of staff and the Cerritos community and bringing my passion for public service to the City Attorney’s Office.”

“Ms. Lee brings an extensive legal background in public agency law, land use and planning, affordable housing, and labor and employment matters. We’re pleased to have her rejoin the City of Cerritos and support our strategic efforts,” said City Manager Robert A. Lopez.

Bill Ihrke, Government and Regulatory Partner with the Rutan & Tucker, LLP law firm, will continue to support the City as Special Legal Counsel. His service with Cerritos includes representative counsel in cases related to housing projects and commercial vehicle traffic. In 2024, Ihrke and the Rutan & Tucker team successfully defended the City’s proper implementation of a vehicle weight restriction ordinance, ensuring city control of truck traffic on local streets in a published, precedent-setting appellate opinion.

“On behalf of the City, I’d like to extend our collective appreciation to Mr. Ihrke and the Rutan & Tucker team for their dedicated service to Cerritos,” said Lopez. “His support of the City in various legal matters has strengthened how we serve the residents and businesses in our community. The City looks forward to Mr. Ihrke’s continued partnership as our Special Legal Counsel.”

Under the City’s Charter and governing documents, the City Council directly hires the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk.

The Cerritos City Attorney’s Office provides general legal counseling services to the City, City Council, committees and employees.



Mayor's Weekly 60



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# January Library News

## 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](http://cerritos.gov).

### CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at [cerritos.gov](http://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 **Thurs., Jan. 2 at 11 a.m.**

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

### PHONE REGISTRATION

#### Call (562) 916-1388

Cerritos Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Fri., Jan. 3 at 11 a.m.**

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

### WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Thurs., Jan. 2 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., Jan. 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

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| 14197 | Thurs., Jan. 9  |
| 14198 | Thurs., Jan. 16 |
| 14199 | Thurs., Jan. 23 |
| 14200 | Thurs., Jan. 30 |
| 14201 | Thurs., Feb. 6  |

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

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| 14202 | Sat., Jan. 11 |
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### 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.

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

### DUPLO LEGO CLUB

Children will build LEGO DUPLO creations using DUPLO building blocks. Little ones will make and create while improving their motor skills. Space is limited to 12 participants.

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| 14204 | Fri., Jan. 17 | 11 a.m.-noon   |
|       | Ages 2-4      | Little Theater |

### FOIL ART PROGRAM

Children will create artwork out of foil crafting paper. Space is limited to 15 participants.

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| 14205 | Fri., Jan. 17 | 4-5 p.m.   |
|       | Ages 6-9      | Art Studio |

### AI & CYBERSECURITY CLASS WITH UNITEDTECH

Join us for a tech adventure where students explore how AI works, learn about online safety and tackle cybersecurity challenges. Through hands-on activities, like chatbots and simulated cyber-attacks, youngsters will think critically about technology in an engaging environment. Participants will be led by Whitney High School students from UnitedTech, an organization aiming to educate the community about next-generation technologies. Space is limited to 20 participants.

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| 14206 | Fri., Jan. 17-Feb. 14 | 5 p.m.      |
|       | Ages 8-12             | Hi-Tech Lab |

### 3D PRINTING CLASS

Explore the basics of 3D printing using TinkerCad to create winter-related projects. Participants will each go home with a 3D preprinted surprise item. All participants must have a TinkerCad account. Space is limited to 10 participants.

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| 14207 | Tues., Jan. 21 | 4-5 p.m.    |
|       | Ages 9-12      | Hi-Tech Lab |

### DIY ANIMAL NIGHTLIGHT DECORATING CLASS

Children will paint and decorate their own animal-themed nightlight. Space is limited to 10 participants.

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| 14208 | Fri., Jan. 24 | 4-5 p.m.   |
|       | Ages 7-12     | Art Studio |

### KABUKI SUSHI CLASS

Children are invited to enjoy a hands-on sushi demonstration featuring staff from Benihana restaurant. A chef will introduce participants to the fun of sushi making and provide hands-on instructions for assembling some signature Benihana rolls. A parent or guardian is required to sign a waiver to attend this class. Waivers will be completed 10 minutes prior to the start of the class. Space is limited to 22 participants.

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| 14209 | Tues., Jan. 28 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. |
|       | Ages 7-12      | Skyline Room A |

### LUNAR NEW YEAR GREETING CARD CRAFT

Children will decorate and create a pop-up Lunar New Year greeting card. Space is limited to 20 participants.

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| 14210 | Fri., Jan. 31 | 4-5 p.m.   |
|       | Ages 7-12     | Art Studio |

### VALENTINE'S PERLER BEADS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Participants will create a Valentine's Day-themed art piece using Perler beads. Space is limited to 10 participants.

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| 14211 | Fri., Feb. 7 | 3:45-4:45 p.m. |
|       | Ages 10-14   | Art Studio     |

## The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

### ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

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

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| Fri., Jan. 10 | 11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m. |            |
|               | Ages 2-12               | Art Studio |

### BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "Whiskey Tender," by Deborah Jackson Taffa. For more information, call (562) 916-1340.

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| Wed., Jan. 15 | 11 a.m.-noon | Board Room |
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### FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

All ages are welcome to enjoy a fun evening of STEM-related demonstrations and activities conducted by the Whitney High School STEM Club.

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| Tues., Jan. 21 | 6 p.m.   |              |
|                | All Ages | Skyline Room |

### NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE" (1963)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "From Russia With Love," starring Sean Connery, followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 115 minutes.

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| Thurs., Jan. 23 | 6 p.m.           |              |
|                 | Ages 18 and Over | Skyline Room |

### EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND STRESS WORKSHOP

Los Angeles County Mental Health will lead a workshop exploring causes of stress, its effects on your body and how to cope with it. Participants will learn about the impact stress can have on mental and physical health and how to manage stress in a healthy and productive way.

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| Mon., Jan. 27 | 6 p.m.         |              |
|               | Ages 18 & Over | Skyline Room |

### PAJAMA NIGHT

Come in your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed toy! Enjoy stories, songs and a short DVD. Don't forget to bring your pillows and blankets. Parents, wear your pajamas too!

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| Wed., Jan. 29 | 6 p.m.   |              |
|               | All Ages | Skyline Room |

### CHINESE FOLK AND CLASSICAL DANCE

Students of all ages from Ling's Dance Academy will perform various award-winning Chinese folk and classical dances. The academy is well-known in the Chinese Dance community for its regular performances and student achievement in regional and national dance competitions.

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| Fri., Jan. 31 | 7 p.m.   |              |
|               | All Ages | Skyline Room |

### CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE DEMONSTRATION

Attention chocolate lovers! Join us for a fun demonstration where you can learn to make chocolate truffles with Chef Vina.

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| Thurs., Feb. 6 | 6 p.m.           |              |
|                | Ages 18 and Over | Skyline Room |

### ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on Valentine's Day craft will be held for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

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| Fri., Feb. 7 | 11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m. |            |
|              | Ages 2-12               | Art Studio |

# December Library News

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## **“LUNAR NEW YEAR: READ WITH ME” READING CHALLENGE**

Children ages 4-12 will receive a free Panda Express Kid’s Meal coupon after reading five books through the “Lunar New Year: Read With Me” Reading Challenge. Parents or guardians may read with their children who are not yet reading on their own. The challenge takes place Friday, January 10 through Monday, February 10 and registration is through Beanstack. The coupon is limited to one per child and is available while supplies last.

## **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH LECTURE SERIES**

Please join the Cerritos Library as we celebrate African American History Month with special lectures featuring Dr. M. Keith Claybrook, Jr., Associate Professor, Department of Africana Studies at California State University, Long Beach; Dr. Alice Nicholas, Africologist and Assistant Professor, Department of Africana Studies at California State University, Long Beach; and Dr. Natalie Sartin, Department Chair of Black/Africana Studies at Cerritos College. These lectures will examine the extensive history of various forms of African American resistance labor in the United States, including abolitionist efforts, civil rights activism, and student movements. We will explore these as examples of liberation work and cultural movements that encompass the broader African diaspora.

## **“PUTTING IN THE WORK”: AFRICAN AMERICAN LABOR AND RESISTANCE – USING THE PAST AND PRESENT AS A BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE**

This presentation provides an overview of the various iterations of African American resistance labor in the United States, i.e., abolitionist, civil rights, and student activism, as models of liberation work. This first panel is dedicated to minister Malcolm X in recognition of the anniversary of his martyrdom and commitment to liberation work. This discussion will include a brief introduction of the subsequent Black History Month presentations.

Tues., Feb. 4 6 p.m.  
Ages 14 and Over Skyline Room

## **AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE AS LABOR AND RESISTANCE: AN EXPLORATION OF THE LITERARY WORKS OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS AND HARRIET JACOBS**

Within the context of the African American literary tradition, this presentation will examine Frederick Douglass’s Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass and Harriet A. Jacobs’s Incidents in the Life of [an

Enslaved] Girl as unequivocal forms of labor and resistance essential to the abolitionist movement and ending enslavement. Presented by Dr. Natalie Sartin.  
Thurs., Feb. 13 6 p.m.  
Ages 14 and Over Skyline Room

## **WOMEN’S WORK: BLACK WOMEN AND THE STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS**

This presentation applies an Afrocentric womanist approach to the exploration of women’s work as activism, and examines the liberation work of Georgia Gilmore and her “Club From Nowhere.” Presented by Dr. Alice Nicholas.

Thurs., Feb. 20 6 p.m.  
Ages 14 and Over Skyline Room

## **FROM EMMETT TILL TO BREONNA TAYLOR AND BEYOND: THE INTELLECTUAL-WORK OF BLACK STUDENT ACTIVISTS**

This presentation examines Black students’ activism past and present. Their activism is understood as intellectual work that links theory and practice. Presented by Dr. M. Keith Claybrook, Jr.

Thurs., Feb. 27 6 p.m.  
Ages 14 and Over Skyline Room

## **BOOK SALE SET FOR FEBRUARY 22 & 23**

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, February 22 and Sunday, February 23. The sale will be held inside the library, near the Craftsman Area. A great selection of fiction and nonfiction books in English and foreign languages, plus multimedia items, will be available at bargain prices. The sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 22. On Sunday, February 23, the Friends will hold a fill-a-bag sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$4 per bag for Friend members and \$5 per bag for non-members.) Come early for the best selection.

## Library Displays

### **“CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY” EXHIBIT BY ARTIST TAYO JOYCE**

“Celebrating Black History” highlights noteworthy African Americans who are not widely known. This exhibit features those who acted bravely, pioneered, and excelled in their fields and spread joy to others. The acrylic paintings by Tayo Joyce are infused with colors that help set a mood, as well as lines and shapes that depart from the black-and-white source photos that inspired them. May this exhibit uplift, inform and inspire those who view it. The exhibit will be in the main lobby January 6 through February 24.

## Community feedback sought regarding Cerritos Library and Cerritos Senior Center hours of operation

The City of Cerritos invites all residents and patrons to complete surveys regarding their preferences for the hours of operation for the Cerritos Library and Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park.

The surveys are posted on the City’s website at [cerritos.gov](http://cerritos.gov) and physical copies are also available at the Cerritos Library and the Cerritos Senior Center. The surveys were developed in response to input received through the City’s Strategic Plan Community Workshops and will remain open until Friday, January 10, 2025.

Feedback from the community is encouraged and appreciated. ■



Scan the QR code to learn more about the surveys at [cerritos.gov/communitysurveys](http://cerritos.gov/communitysurveys)

## City to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The public is invited to join in celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during a special ceremony on Monday, January 20 at 10 a.m. in the Sierra Room of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The free event will include remarks by the Cerritos City Council and community involvement through songs, youth performances, and spoken word poetry. The CCPA is located at 18000 Park Plaza Drive in Cerritos.

As part of the City’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, the Cerritos Library is sponsoring art and writing contests for students. The art contest is open to students in kindergarten through grade 12. Participants may submit one art entry, no larger than 12” x 18,” using any drawing or painting materials.

The writing contest is open to students in grades 7 through 12. Participants may submit one writing entry, which may be a poem or an essay with no more than 300 words, preferably typed on letter-size paper.

All art and writing contest entries should represent the theme of “More Than a Dream.” Contest entry forms are available at the Cerritos Library and on the City’s website at [cerritos.gov](http://cerritos.gov). Completed art and writing entries must be dropped off at the Cerritos Library by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8. The library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue.

After judging, selected entries will be recognized at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony and on the City’s website. For more information about the art and writing contests, call the children’s desk at the Cerritos Library at (562) 916-1343. ■

## Parking enforcement resumes on January 6

The City’s overnight parking restrictions and enforcement will resume on Monday, January 6. Permits are required to park on City streets between 3 and 5 a.m. to help keep streets clear and allow residents and deputies to quickly spot suspicious vehicles.

For more information, call the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266. ■

## Renew annual parking permit online

Cerritos residents can renew their annual parking permit for 2025 or request an overnight parking permit 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, online at [safercerritos.us](http://safercerritos.us).

City parking permits are free of charge and must be clearly displayed on the driver’s side dashboard of the vehicle (left corner) from 3 a.m. until 5 a.m. A vehicle displaying a valid California DMV Disabled Person Placard does not require an overnight parking permit. A parking permit does not exempt a vehicle from the City’s street sweeping ordinance (10.12.065 CMC), which states: “The parking of any vehicle on

any street during designated days and times for street sweeping is prohibited.”

The parking permit criteria allow two-car garage households with five vehicles and four licensed drivers to qualify for a second annual parking permit. Three-car garage households with seven vehicles and six licensed drivers qualify for a second parking permit.

For more information, contact the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266. ■



Scan the QR code to access the Parking Permits page on the Safer Cerritos site

## Be cautious of coyotes in Cerritos

From limiting access to outdoor food sources to proper pet supervision, residents can follow several precautions to help avoid encounters with coyotes:

- Feed pets indoors.
- Eliminate potential food and water sources, such as fallen fruit or standing water.
- Keep yards free of thick brush and weeds.
- Enclose the bottoms of porches and decks.
- Keep dogs on a leash at all times when outdoors.

- Keep small animals inside or supervised when outdoors. A fenced yard will not protect small animals because coyotes can easily scale residential fences. Domestic dogs are especially vulnerable to coyote attacks. Adult coyotes are mainly active at night or in the early morning hours, while young coyotes are often active during the day. California coyotes have adapted to residential neighborhoods, parks and open spaces in urban and suburban areas. They are especially prevalent in areas bordering a flood channel.

Residents who see a coyote in their neighborhood should try to scare it away by shouting, throwing rocks, blowing portable air horns or acting in other aggressive ways in order to reinforce the coyote's fear of people. Motion-sensitive lights on houses or out-buildings may also deter coyotes from approaching.

If an aggressive or fearless coyote approaches you or your pet, consider the following tips:

- Shout in a deep voice.
- Wave your arms.

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## 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. ■

## Residential organic waste recycling program in effect

The City's residential organic waste recycling program expands the list of items to be placed in your green trash cart to include both green waste and food waste. Below are lists of acceptable items to dispose of in your green cart.

### **Green Waste:**

- Flower and hedge trimmings
- Grass clippings
- Leaves and branches
- Lumber, scrap wood and plywood (not painted or treated)
- Weeds

### **Food Scraps:**

- Bread, rice and pasta
- Cheese and dairy
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Fruits and vegetables
- Flowers and herbs
- Meat, bones and poultry
- Seafood and soft shells
- Pet food (non-medicated)

### **Food-Soiled Paper:**

(Must be 100 percent fiber-based. No materials with petroleum-based plastic, wax or bioplastic coating, liner or laminate.)

- Food-stained paper
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper napkins and kitchen paper towels
- Pizza boxes
- Plates

- To-go boxes (no coating)
- Wood and fiber-based utensils

### **Unacceptable Items for Green Cart:**

- All plastics
- Cacti, succulents and yucca
- Compostable plastics (bioplastics)
- Coffee cups and pods
- Fats, oils and grease
- Food stickers (please remove from items)
- Gloves
- Hard shells (clams, mussels, oysters)
- Medication
- Palm fronds
- Paper napkins and paper towels with cleaning chemicals
- Parchment and wax paper
- Pet waste
- Rocks and soil
- Rubber bands and twist ties
- Tea bags
- Textiles
- Tissues and wet wipes

Under Senate Bill 1383, organic waste recycling programs must now accept both green waste and food waste. Approved in 2016, SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to provide organic-waste collection services to all businesses and residents. The bill aims to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2025.

For more information about the City's residential organic waste recycling program, call the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220. ■

# TV3 Schedule: January

## City Council, Commission, and Committee Meetings

### **Cerritos City Council Meeting**

7 p.m. on Thursday, January 9 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, January 10, and 10 a.m. on Monday, January 13

7 p.m. on Thursday, January 23 (live), rebroadcasts: 7 p.m. on Friday, January 24, and 10 a.m. on Monday, January 27

### **Community Safety Committee Meeting**

7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15 (live), rebroadcasts: 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, and 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 18

### **Fine Arts and Historical Commission Meeting**

7 p.m. on Thursday, January 16 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Friday, January 17, and 7 p.m. on Monday, January 20

### **Planning Commission Meeting**

7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8 (live), rebroadcasts: 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 9, and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15

### **Property Preservation Commission Meeting**

7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28 (live), rebroadcasts: 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29, and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4

## Program Highlights

### **Mayor's Weekly 60**

10 a.m. on Saturday, January 4; 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 11; 7 p.m. on Friday, January 17; and 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 26

### **Art of Cerritos Library**

4 p.m. on Friday, January 3; 11 a.m. on Monday, January 6; 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, and 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21

### **"Nothing Like It In the World" —**

### **The Story of the Cerritos Auto Square**

11 a.m. on Thursday, January 2; 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 5; 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8; and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22

### **CCPA Performances: British Rock Royalty**

8 p.m. on Thursday, January 2; 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 7; 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14; and 9 p.m. on Sunday, January 19

### **CCPA Performances: Benise**

9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 1; 9 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7; 8 p.m. on Monday, January 13; and 8 p.m. on Friday, January 31

For Cerritos TV3 schedule and streaming video, visit: [cerritos.gov/tv3](http://cerritos.gov/tv3)



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# Calendar of Events

- December 31
- **Community Centers closed**
  - **Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course and Swim Center closed at 2 p.m.**
  - **Library and Senior Center closed at 5 p.m.**

- January 1
- **New Year's Day**
  - **City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Library, Senior Center, all Recreation facilities, and CCPA Box Office closed**

- January 2
- **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on January 9, 16, and 23. 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 January 9, 16, and 23. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
  - **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 9, 16, and 23. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.
  - **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 9, 16, and 23. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.

- January 3
- **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938. Also on January 17.

- January 4
- **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on January 11, 18, and 25.

- January 6
- **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 13 and 27. Contact Richard Taylor at (323) 712-0392

- January 7
- **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 14, 21, and 28. Contact Katie Yen at (562) 833-6711.
  - **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 14, 21, and 28. 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 January 14, 21, and 28. Contact Lucita Cordero at (714) 947-6456.

- January 8
- **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park, Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.
  - **Soroptomist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6-8 p.m., 11306 183rd Street, Suite 101, Cerritos. Contact Jennifer Hong at (562) 964-9388.

- January 9
- **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
  - **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber. Also January 22.
  - **Da' Hawaii Seniors Club**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 23. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.
  - **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Rhonda Burd at (562) 843-2468.

- January 14
- **Cerritos Republican Club**, 6 p.m., Malibu Room at Cerritos Park East. Contact sdjpr59@aol.com or visit cerritos-republican.org.

- January 15
- **Community Safety Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.

- January 16
- **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 4 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower.
  - **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women**, 6:30 p.m., ABC Adult School, auditorium at Cabrillo Lane School. Contact (562) 924-5227

- January 20
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony, 10 a.m., Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Contact the City's Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101.**

- January 21
- **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos.

- January 28
- **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.

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- Throw objects at the animal.
- Look the coyote directly in the eyes.
- Stand up if you are seated.
- If you are wearing a coat or vest, spread it open like a cape so that you appear larger.
- Retreat from the situation by walking backward slowly. Do not turn your back on the coyote.

The City of Cerritos contracts with Long Beach Animal Care Services to provide a wide range of services, including coyote management. The City of Long Beach has a comprehensive coyote management plan and that plan serves as the de facto plan for Cerritos by extension of the service contract. The majority of cities in the region all have similar coyote management plans as each plan must align with the regulations established by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. To access the comprehensive coyote management plan, please visit <https://bit.ly/2ITHEJE>.

If you see a coyote, fill out an online "Wildlife Incident Report" on the Long Beach Animal Care Services website at [longbeach.gov/acs/wildlife/coyote-report](http://longbeach.gov/acs/wildlife/coyote-report). The website has additional information about coyotes. ■

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