

WINTER 2016/SPRING 2017

City of Commerce *Activity Guide*



Parks & Recreation
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Civic Center
706.335.6417

Downtown Development
706.335.2954

Public Library
706.335.5946

www.commercega.org

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Contact Info

Recreation Department

706.335.3236
Hours: Mon—Fri, 8:30am-5:00 pm
Address: 204 Carson Street
Email: rickyw@commercega.org
Director: Ricky Woodruff

Commerce Public Library

706.335.5946
Hours: Mon-Wed 10-6, Thurs 10-8,
Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4
Address: 1344 South Broad Street
Email: commercelibrary@gmail.com
Manager: Angel Tuggle

Downtown Development Authority

706.335.2954
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:00pm
Address: 1645 South Elm Street
Email: mainstreet@commercega.org
Manager: Natalie Thomas

Commerce Civic Center

706.335.6417
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30-5:00pm
Address: 110 State Street
Email: civiccenter@commercega.org
Manager: Justin Strickland

Commerce City Hall

706.335.3164
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am - 5:00pm
Address: 27 Sycamore Street
Emergency Contact: 706.335.3200
City Manager: James Washer

Commerce Police Department

706.335.3200
Address: 1491 South Elm St

Commerce Fire Department

706.335.2190
Address: 1491 South Elm St
Chief: Kevin Dean



Public Meeting Spaces, Facility Rentals and Field Rentals

Commerce Parks & Recreation

Community Room

204 Carson Street
 Room Capacity:
 100 people, seating for 70
 \$50 refundable deposit
 \$75 Rental fee (4 hours or less)
 \$150 Rental Fee (All Day)

Commerce Parks & Recreation

Aquatic Center

204 Carson Street
 Available June and July
 Incl: 2 hours for pool and lifeguards
 \$150 for 50 swimmers or less
 \$175 for 51-75 swimmers
 \$200 for 76-100 swimmers

One-Time Rental of a Baseball Field

\$15 per hour for field without lights
 \$25 per hour for field with lights

Willoughby Park

Picnic area, shelter and restrooms
 338 Clayton Street
 \$25 refundable key deposit*

Call to reserve

706.335.3236

*Deposits are refunded after staff has determined the facility is in good order and keys have been returned.

Commerce Civic Center

Executive Board Room

Capacity: 12 people

Peach Room

Capacity: 48 people

Cold Sassy Room

Capacity: 64 people

Commerce Room

Capacity: 100 people

Harmony Grove Room

Capacity: 500 people
 Photos and more descriptions of these facilities at commercega.org/eventvenues

Commerce Business

Information Center

12 Pine Street

Room Capacity: 60 people
 Kitchenette onsite

Commerce Cultural Center

232 Cherry Street
 Room Capacity: 196 people,
 theater style seating

Call to reserve

706.335.6417 or

email_civiccenter@commercega.org

Library Board Room

Room Capacity: 20 people
 Room is only available during normal operating hours. No fee.



Call to reserve

706.335.5946



Youth Basketball

Commerce Parks & Recreation strives to promote and develop an interest in basketball among young athletes by offering a competitive and developmental basketball program for children.

Practices:

2 days a week at Commerce Middle School and Commerce High School Auxiliary Gym

Games:

Commerce Middle School, Commerce High School Auxiliary Gym, Jefferson Recreation Department or Jackson County Recreation Department.

Practices Begin:

Ages 4-5: Late October
 Ages 6-8: Late October
 Ages 9-12: Mid November

Games Begin:

Ages 6-8: Mid November
 Ages 9-12: Early December

Fees:

\$50 (Instructional)
 \$75 (in city),
 \$95 (outside city limits)

Age Control:

Prior to January 1, 2017

Divisions:

Instructional: 4-5
 6-8, 9-10, 11-12

Registration:

8 & Under: September 6-23, 2016
 9-12: October 3-21, 2016

Tiger Town Twirlers

Tiger Town Twirlers is a year long program that teaches, not only the fundamentals and techniques of baton twirling, but it also teaches key values like self confidence, teamwork, and character building. Classes are held weekly at the Commerce Primary Gymnasium starting at 5pm with beginner class and an advanced class following at 6pm. There we work on our technique, learn new tricks, and routines that we perform for the community.





Adult Basketball

Adult Basketball (Church & Business Leagues)

Teams: Churches may have 2 non-members on each team as a way of outreach. Business teams must all be employed by the same business.

Fees:

\$400 per team. Max 15 players on a roster.

Game Schedule:

Minimum 8 game schedule with a single elimination end-of-the-season tournament.

Preliminary roster is due by Tuesday, December 6th, 2016

Registration:

November 7th-December 2nd

Manager Meeting:

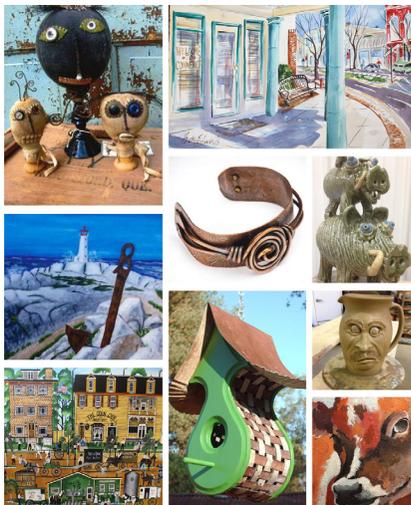
Thursday, December 6th, 6:00pm at the Recreation Dept. At least one member/coach of each team must be present.

Game Days:

Games will primarily be played on Sundays with an occasional Monday, Tuesday or Thursday night game.

Season:

December-February



March 3-4, 2017
 Historic Downtown Commerce, Georgia
 Commerce Civic Center

March 3

Meet the Artist Reception, 5-10 pm, \$15*
(includes light reception with two drink tickets and readmission for the entire festival)

March 4

Festival Open 10 am-5 pm, \$7
(Children under 10 free)

www.folk-finearts.com

706-335-6417



Baseball/Softball/ T-Ball

The goal of the Commerce Parks & Recreation baseball, softball and t-ball programs is to provide current and aspiring baseball and softball players a safe, wholesome environment with a balanced mix of teaching fundamentals of the game, competitive play, teamwork, sportsmanship and character building. Practices and games are held at Ridling Park and American Veterans Park. Players ages seven and up will be participating in a countywide league that includes Commerce, Banks, Jefferson & Jackson County Recreation Departments. These games will be played at the Commerce, Banks, Jackson and Jefferson Recreation Departments.

Fees:

T-Ball & PeeWee \$55 (in city),
 \$75 (outside city limits)
 Baseball/Softball \$75 (in city),
 \$95 (outside city limits)

Registration:

January 3-20, 2017

Practices:

Week of February 20

Opening Day Ceremonies:

March 18 or 25, 2017

Age Control:

T-Ball: Boys & Girls must be 4
 yrs. old prior to May 1, 2017
 Baseball: Prior to May 1, 2017
 Softball: Prior to January 1, 2017

Divisions:

T-Ball: Age 4 (Co-Ed)
 PeeWee: Ages 5 & 6 (Co-Ed)
 Farm Softball: Ages 7-8
 Farm Baseball: Ages 7-8
 Minor Softball: Ages 9-10
 Minor Baseball: Ages 9-10
 Freshman Softball: Ages 11-12
 Freshman Baseball: Ages 11-12
 Sophomore Softball: Ages 13-14
 Sophomore Baseball: Ages 13-14



Spring Soccer

Commerce Parks & Recreation strives to promote and develop an interest in soccer among young athletes by offering a competitive and developmental soccer program for children.

Practices are 2 days a week at Commerce Middle School. Games will be played at Commerce Middle School, Jefferson, Jackson County and Banks County Recreation Department Locations.

Fees:

\$75 (in city), \$95 (outside city limits)

Age Control:

Age as of December 31, 2016
Entry level players must turn 4 prior to May 1, 2017

Divisions:

U6, U8, U10, U12
12yrs-8th grade

Registration:

January 3-20, 2017

Practices:

Week of February 20

Parent-Tot (Coed) – Soccer, Kickball & T-Ball

Age Control: Must be 2 years of age on or before May 1, 2017.

Registration: Feb. 27th – Mar. 17th.

Track

Come and have fun developing your running, jumping, and throwing skills in our Track and Field program. Compete against area athletes while learning the proper techniques.

Practices will be held at the Commerce Middle School track 2 days a week with meets on Saturdays.

Fees:

\$75 (in city), \$95 (outside city limits)

Entry Level Requirements:

Boys & Girls must be 8 yrs. old
Prior to January 1, 2018

Divisions:

Flea: Ages 8 & under
Mite: Ages 10 & Under
Midget: Ages 12 & Under
Junior: Ages 14 & Under

Registration:

January 3-20, 2017

Practices:

Week of February 20

Commerce

Parks & Recreation Department

Coaches Needed!

Volunteer to Coach

In Any of the Following Winter and Spring Sports:

*** Youth Basketball ***

SPRING BASEBALL/SOFTBALL/T-BALL

SPRING SOCCER

Contact 706-335-3236 or

swhite@commercega.org

www.commercega.org/recreation



* We are seeking positive role models and attitudes over experience.*



Articles, Tips, and Advice for Youth Basketball, Baseball, Softball, and Soccer

Valuable Tips for Youth Basketball Parents

(From website: <http://www.ultimate-youth-basketball-guide.com/youth-basketball-parents.html>)

Tip #1 For Youth Basketball Parents;

Give your child unconditional love, support and encouragement.

This is by far the most important step youth basketball parents you can take. When your child participates in youth basketball, at any level, they need to know that they always have your love, support and encouragement. Win or lose. It's so easy to get caught up in making sure they do everything right or that they always win - the game, or scrimmage or contest. This is definitely the wrong approach to take. We have to remember as parents that our children are participating in youth basketball to have fun, to be with their friends and to compete. Youth basketball parents have to remember that their most important role is to provide them with unconditional love, support and encouragement. By doing this, you are giving them the freedom to truly enjoy the game that they love!

More basketball parent tips:

Do not pressure your child. Give your child more time with the basketball. Learn the game yourself. Play basketball with your child. Attend Basketball Games. Watch basketball on TV.

Top 10 Pieces of Advice for Baseball-Softball Parents

(From website: <http://theseason.gc.com/baseball-advice-parents>)

Celebrate your child's effort and sportsmanship, above results such as winning and losing. 2) Do not coach from the stands. 3) Never yell at the ump. 4) Never yell at the other team or their coaches. 5) Stay away from the dugouts during the game. 6) The umpire is human and will make mistakes. 7) Cheer positively. 8) Root for the whole team, not just your son or daughter. 9) HAVE FUN! 10) **"Your child's success or lack of success in sports does not indicate what kind of parent you are. But having an athlete that is coachable, respectful, a great teammate, mentally tough, resilient and tries their best IS a direct reflection of your parenting."**

Article: Immediately Become a Better Soccer Parent By Asking This Question By: Skye Eddy Bruce

One of our greatest problems in youth sport is that too many parents and coaches think that winning is more important than development. So - what happened this weekend? I wasn't upset with the losses as it really felt like her team was beaten by better teams with better players who were more athletic and physical. The girls will get better over time, and I am confident in their coach. I wasn't upset on the sidelines at all - it was fun to watch. I wasn't upset with my daughter after the game. In fact, I did all the right things in terms of allowing for a quiet car ride after the games, and gave her the space she wanted. I was sure to follow the advice of **Bruce Brown with Proactive Coaching** and say: "I love watching you play." And, of course, I meant it. I love watching her and her teammates play. The lessons I learned about being a soccer parent came later. Once time passed and my daughter and I talked a bit about the game, I realized the focus of the conversation was all wrong. Knowing she was upset about the loss - and in an effort to help her work through her frustration - all my questions and comments related to the RESULTS. We talked in detail about some of the goals that were scored and the breakdowns that occurred and what could have been done differently. We discussed the referee's calls and missed opportunities to score on the part of her team. **EVERYTHING I DISCUSSED FOCUSED ON THE RESULT. Instead, I should have been focusing on the PROCESS. INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON WINNING (OR NOT WINNING) I SHOULD HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON DEVELOPMENT.** So - from this point on I have a new statement to add to my post game ritual with my daughter. There will be the "I love watching you play" and then, regardless of if they win or lose - when she is ready, I will always ask her: **"What did you learn?" In fact, her answer to this one question will form the basis of any and all conversation we have about the game and her performance.** When we tell our children "I love watching you play" we release them to the game and demonstrate that our feelings for them are not connected in any way to the result. When we ask our children "What did you learn?" we are teaching them to have a growth mindset, reminding them that they hold within them the potential to improve, and we demonstrate that our focus for them and their youth soccer games is on their personal and team growth, not on winning. So while the weekend ended with "two rather large losses" - what it most importantly ended with was development.



Kidsercise

A rhythm and movement class for children 18 mo-4 yrs. Musical activities, bean bags, and lummi sticks, story time, fingerplays, and more.

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Baby & Me

Rhyme, rhythm and repetition for babies and their caregivers. Connecting rhythm, movement and song encourages brain “wiring” that influences babies’ future scholastic achievement as well as their social skills. We recommend babies begin coming at 6 months, but all are welcome.

Fridays at 10:30 am

Chess

Learn about the game of chess and meet up with others to play chess. We will have DVDs available and board games set up.

Every Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Lego Club

Combines creativity, literacy and scientific exploration for children pre-k to 5th grade. Legos provided.

Every 2nd Saturday - 1 pm. Every 4th Tuesday - 4pm.

****Robotic LEGOs 1st 3 Weeks of November Monday at 4pm****

Kids Book Club

Each month we will feature a popular children’s book, eat snacks and do a fun craft or activity for children ages 7-11. A bunch of kids talking about the books they love to read.

Every 2nd Friday at 4 pm.

Christmas Activities

Visit from Santa	TBA
Bluegrass Christmas	TBA
Artum Project Ensemble	TBA
Christmas Movie at the Library	December 3rd

Young Adults

The library has programs for young adults and a new Teen Advisory Board (ages 12 & up). From Chess to Writer’s Group, Game Nights, Magic, clothing drives for the community, Movie Night, and more. Check out Facebook for new additions.



Adults and Young Adults

Book Vine (book discussion group) meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 1:00pm. New book chosen each month.

Writer's Group meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at 10:30am

Hooks & Needles bring your hooks, needles and projects to relax, crochet or knit with others. Meets every Monday at 10:30am.

English as a Second Language
Saturdays from 11:00 am

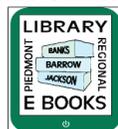
Yoga is offered at the library on Mondays from 5:50-7pm. Relax, stretch, and begin your journey of wellness here. Nominal fee applies.

Computer Classes: Call for times and dates.

Wellness Wednesdays are held the first Wednesday of each month and feature topics related to health.

Visit our website
<http://commerce.prlib.org>
and place holds for your books online and order e-books online for your electronic device.
Find us on Facebook.

Free Online Resources



PINES

Flipster

mango
languages

Free WiFi in the Amphitheater and Memorial Garden.

How do I get a Library Card?
Library cards (PINES cards) are FREE to all residents of Georgia. There is no minimum age for a child to receive a PINES card. A parent or legal guardian may register a child. Proper ID required.

Library Hours:

Mon-Wed 10-6,
Thurs 10-8, Fri 10-5,
Sat 10-4

Watch our monthly calendar at <http://commerce.prlib.org> and Facebook for dates and times.



A Main Street Program is a collaborative effort between the public and private sectors focused on the revitalization and restoration of the downtown commercial core. The program is designed around the Main Street Four-Point Approach®. Organization, Promotion, Design & Economic Restructuring The Organization committee plays a key role in keeping the board, committees, staff and program-of-work in good shape by attracting people and money to the organization. The Promotions Committee Sells a positive image of Downtown Commerce’s unique characteristics to shoppers, investors, new businesses, and visitors.

The Design Committee is responsible for “getting Downtown into top physical shape”. The Economic Restructuring Committee identifies new market opportunities for the commercial district.

4 Committees – 1 Community – Our Town in Your Hands

Call (706)335.2954 or email mainstreet@commercega.org

Join a Main Street Committee

Comedy Night

November 12th, 7pm - Join Dannette Flint, “The Southern Sassy Lady” and her friends for an evening of laughs! Tickets are \$10.

Christmas Parade

December 4th, 3pm - Theme: “Christmas through the Eyes of a Child” Floats are judged on originality, workmanship and interpretation of the theme. The parade lines up at Commerce High School and travels through downtown Commerce. Contact the DDA to register.

Commerce By Candlelight

December 3rd, 3pm-7pm

A family evening in Historic Downtown Commerce with late night shopping along candlelit sidewalks, carriage rides, carolers, musical concerts and refreshments.

Donuts with Santa

December 3rd, 10-11:30am

Children can have their photo taken with Santa Claus and enjoy some donuts and juice. This event is co-hosted by the Garden Club.



Valentine's Dinner & Movie

February 11th, 6pm

Enjoy an evening out with a catered dinner and romantic movie.

Folk to Fine Art Festival

March 3rd & 4th Fri: 6-9pm, Sat: 10am-5pm

A gathering of regional artists displaying and selling works ranging from folk to fine art during an exciting two-day event. Artist sponsored workshops. Held at the Civic Center at 110 State St. in historic downtown Commerce.

Friday: \$15 includes reception

Saturday \$7

Children 10 and under: Free

Easter Parade

April 15th, 11am

Decorate your wagon, bicycle, scooter, electric car and join the fun.

Parade route is from South State Bank, contestants to be in place by 10:30 AM, to First Commerce Baptist Church for the egg hunt on the front lawn of the church. Adults may enter decorated battery-operated golf carts!

Beautification Day

To be Determined

Volunteers will descend upon Commerce for the city's annual cleanup and planting day. There are multiple flowerbeds to plant, parking lots to clean and sidewalks to pressure wash. Southeast Toyota, Commerce Kiwanis Club, Commerce High School Key Club, Boy Scouts Troop 35, Lions Club and local garden club participate and all volunteers are welcome.

Cruisin' Commerce

To be Determined

Free car show with Kid's Choice Top 15 Trophies, food tents, beer garden and live music. Event held in conjunction with The Gear Jam Drags vintage race April 25th at the Atlanta Dragway.

HOMETOWN *Holiday*

Saturday, December 3rd

10 am to 11:30 am Donuts & Pictures with Santa at the Civic Center

12 pm Christmas Movie at the Commerce Public Library

1 & 6 pm "The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever"

by the Cold Sasssy Players Cultural Center

3 pm Kids Activities in Spencer Park

4:30-6:30 pm Sleigh Rides at City Hall

5-7 pm Musical Performances in Spencer Park

5:30 pm Pictures with Santa at Chris' Place

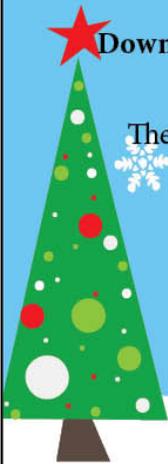
6 pm Mrs. Claus reads the Christmas Story at Shubert & Company

7 pm Solo Performance O' Holy Night & Lighting of the Tree
at Spencer Park

Downtown stores are open late for holiday shopping!

Sunday, December 4th

The Annual Commerce Christmas Parade at 3 pm



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