

City of Commerce

Winter 2019/Spring 2020

Activity Guide



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Parks & Recreation
706.335.3236

**Downtown
Development**
706.335.2954

Civic Center
706.335.6417

Public Library
706.335.5946



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Contact Info

Recreation Department

706.335.3236

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am -5:00pm
Address: 204 Carson Street
Email: recreation@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 Abounader

Downtown Development Authority

706.335.2954

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:00pm
Address: 1344 South Broad Street
Email: mainstreet@commercega.org
Manager: Natalie Thomas
Assistant: Lane Fuller

Commerce Civic Center

706.335.6417

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm
Address: 110 State Street
Email: civiccenter@commercega.org
Coordinator: Chanda Cornwell

Commerce City Hall

706.335.-3164

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:00pm
Address: 27 Sycamore Street
After Hours: 706-335-3200
City Manager: James Washer

Commerce Police Department

706.335.3200

Address: 1491 South Elm St.
Chief: Zach Ardis

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

\$100 Rental fee (1/2 Day)

\$200 Rental Fee (All Day)

Commerce Parks & Recreation Aquatic Center

204 Carson Street

Incl: 2 hours for pool and lifeguards

\$150 for 50 swimmers or less

\$175 for 51-75 swimmers

\$200 for 76-100 swimmers

Available Saturday in June/July

from 6-8pm

Public Swim Wed-Sat, 1-5pm

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.

Commerce Civic Center

Executive Conference Room

Capacity: 12

Peach Room

Capacity: 48

Cold Sassy Room

Capacity: 64

Commerce Room

Capacity: 104

Harmony Grove Room

Capacity: 600

Commerce Business Information Center

12 Pine Street

Room Capacity: 60

Commerce Cultural Arts Center

232 Cherry Street

Room Capacity: 199

Theater Style Seating

**Call to reserve
706.335.6417**



Library Board Room

Room Capacity: 20

Room is only available during normal operating hours. No fee.

**Call to reserve
706.335.5946**

Event Rental Facilities





Youth Basketball

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

Practice:

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

Games:

Commerce, Jackson County, Jefferson, and Banks County.

Practice Begins:

Ages 4-5: Late October
Ages 6-8: Late October
Ages 9-14: mid November

Game Begin:

Ages 6-8: Mid November
Ages 9-14: Early December

Fees:

\$50 (Instructional, Ages 4-5)
\$75 (ages 6-12)

Age Control:

Prior to September 1, 2019

Divisions:

Instructional: 4-5 (Co-ed)
6-8 (Co-ed), 9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Registration:

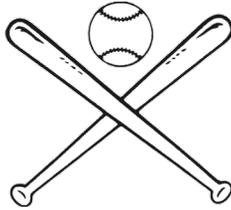
Inst./8 & Under: Sept. 3-20, 2019
9-12: Sept. 30-Oct. 18, 2019



Adult Bingo

Every Thursday 10:00 – 11:00 am
Cost is \$1.00 per person.

Register Online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/commerce-ga/catalog> or at 204 Carson St. Commerce Ga, 30529. Card fees apply



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
Baseball/Softball \$75

Registration:

Dec. 30, 2019-Jan 17, 2020

Practice:

Mid February

Opening Day Ceremonies:

TBA (Mid March)

Divisions:

T-ball: Age 4 (Co-ed)
8U Softball: Ages 7-8
10U Softball: Ages 9-10
12U Softball: Ages 11-12

PeeWee: Ages 5 & 6 (Co-ed)
8U Baseball: Ages 7-8
10U Baseball: Ages 9-10
12U Baseball: Ages 11-12



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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 Ridling Park. Games will be played at Ridling Park, Jefferson, Jackson County, and Banks County Recreation Department Locations.

Fees:

\$75

Age Control:

Age prior to June 1, 2020

Registration:

Dec 30, 2019-Jan.17,2020

Practices:

Mid February 2019

Division:

4/5, 8 & under,
10 & under, 12 & under



Track

Come and have fun developing your running, jumping, and throwing skills in our Track and Field program. Compete against are 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

Age Control:

Age prior to January 1, 2021

Practices:

Mid February

Registration:

Dec 30, 2019-Jan.17,2020

Divisions:

Ages 8 & under
Ages 10 & under
Ages 12 & under
Ages 14 & under

Register Online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/commerce-ga/catalog> or at 204 Carson St. Commerce Ga, 30529. Card fees apply

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

Kidsercise

A rhythm and movement class for children 18 mo-4yrs. Musical activities include bean bags and Lummi sticks. The program concludes with a story, fingerplays, and flannel boards.

Wednesday at 10:30am

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 10:30am

Chess

Learn about the game of chess and meet up with others to play chess.

Every Thursday at 6:00pm

Lego Club

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

Every 4th Saturday at 1:00pm.



Kid’s 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 4pm.

Boo! Fest on Broad

Come to the library for a spooktacular evening of games, prizes, and a costume contest!

October 22nd 5:30-7:30pm

Christmas Activities

Puppet Show with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Clause

Date TBA

Kids Christmas Movie and Pizza

December 7th at Noon

Dyer/Franklin Bluegrass Christmas

Date TBA

Young Adults

The library has programs for young adults and a teen Advisory Board (ages 11 & up).

Bee Creative

Every 2nd Thursday at 5:00pm

Gaming

Every 4th Thursday at 4:00pm



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.

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.

English as a Second Language (ESL) every **Saturday** at 11:00am.

Health Fair: November, Time TBA

Quarterly Adult Programs

Paint and Chat: Call for dates and times

Gaming for Adults: Call for dates and times

Visit our website

www.commerce.prlib.org and place holds for your books online and order e-books online for your electronic device.

Find us on Facebook!

Our online testing center is free and has resources for tests such as GED and SAT.

Like us on Facebook for current events at the Library



Free Wi-Fi!
In the Amphitheater and Memorial Garden.



How do I get a Library Card?

Library cards (PINES cards) are FREE to all residents of Georgia. Also, persons who attend school, own property, or are employed in Georgia are eligible for a free PINES library card.

There is no minimum age for a child to receive a PINES card. A parent or legal guardian may register a child. Parent or guardian must show proper ID to register a child. A parent or guardian must sign the application for all children under 18.



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Main Street

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Committees and Events

Contact 706.335.2954

Or

mainstreet@commercega.org



Hometown Holiday



Shop Small Saturday

November 30th, Kick off the Holiday season by buying gifts locally and enjoying refreshments while you shop!

Commerce By Candlelight

December 5th 5-8pm – Take time to relax with late night shopping by candlelight. Get into the Holiday spirit while enjoying friends, family, carolers, craft, and food vendors and the official lighting of the TREE

Holiday Market

December 6th and 7th, This year the Civic Center is excited to announce another shopping experience for the perfect Christmas gifts. Shopping hours will be Friday 5-8 PM. Saturday 9 AM – 6 PM. Craft and Food Vendors will be available. Admission is \$5.

Donuts with Santa

December 7th- The Commerce Garden Club invites you to come see Santa and share a donut and get your picture taken at the Commerce Civic Center from 10am – 11:30 am Admission fee is required

Christmas Parade

December 8th, 3pm – This year’s Theme: “Christmas Greetings”. Decorate your float with your favorite Greeting of the Season! The parade lines up at Commerce High School and travels through downtown Commerce. Floats are judged on originality, workmanship, and interpretation of the theme. Contact the Main Street 706.335.2954 or email mainstreet@commercega.org to register.

New Year’s Eve Party 2020

Ring in 2020 with a downtown New Year’s Eve Party at the Civic Center. Music, Food and Dancing! It’s a Roaring 20’s theme this year. Dress up, bring snacks and BYOB!!! And plan to have a roaring good time with all your friends. Tickets are \$30 ea.

Folk to Fine Art Festival

March 6th & 7th Fri: 7-9pm, Sat: 9am-4pm

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 Commerce Civic Center at 110 State St. in historic downtown Commerce.

Friday: \$10 includes reception

Saturday: \$5

Children 10 and under: Free



Easter Parade April 11th

Decorate your wagon, bicycle, scooter, electric car and join the fun. Parade route is from South State Bank, Registration at 10am participants judging at 10:30am- Parade starts at 11am , to First Commerce Baptist Church for the egg hunt on the front lawn of the church.

Downtown Beautification Day Date To Be Determined

A community gathering to help clean up and plant downtown Commerce for Spring. This is a great way to get involved with your community and help keep Commerce beautiful. All volunteers are welcome! This event is sponsored by Southeast Toyota and Tanger Outlet.

Cruisin' Commerce Date To Be Determined

Classic and Muscle cars take over the streets of Commerce. A downtown commerce car show with craft and food vendors, beer/wine, live music, and more.

Commerce Criterium: Date To Be Determined

Commerce's 3rd annual bike race. Over 600 bikers from around the world racing throughout the streets of downtown Commerce! Craft and food vendors, inflatables, and more.

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Real strength comes when people join together, fueled by passion and guided by vision. Founded by automotive legend Jim Moran, JM Family Enterprises has always believed in giving back to the communities where our associates live and work. With the support of our nonprofit partners and 4,300 associates, we remain committed to helping those in need and growing stronger, together.

Thank You
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