

City of Commerce

Winter 2018/Spring 2019

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 Tuggle

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

Commerce Civic Center

706-335-6417

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

Address: 110 State Street

Email: civiccenter@commercega.org

Coordinator: Brian Wilson

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

\$75 Rental fee (4 hours or less)

\$150 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



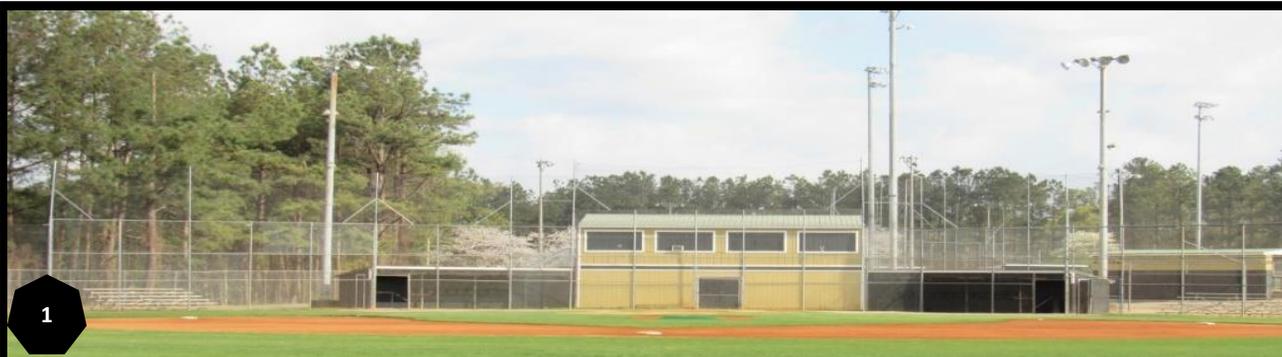
Library Board Room

Room Capacity: 20

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

Call to reserve

706.335.5946



1. American Veterans Ballfield 2. Aquatic Center 3. American Veterans Park 4. Willoughby Park 5. Community Room 6. Commerce Room 7. Harmony Grove Room 8. Cold Sassy Room 9. Business Center 10. Executive Board Room 11. Library Board Room



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 9-12: mid November

Game Begin:

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

Fees:

\$50 (Instructional)
 \$75 (ages 6-12)

Age Control:

Prior to September 1, 2018

Divisions:

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

Registration:

Inst./8 & Under: Sept. 4-21, 2018
 9-12: Oct. 1-19, 2018



Adult Dance

Social Ballroom Come dance for health, stress relief, rehab, and fun. Learn to swing, shag, salsa, cha cha, and waltzes. Three classes offered: Open Dance, senior dance, exercise/line dance.

Classes:

Thursday 6-10pm - \$10/person
 204 Carson St.
 For more information contact:
 Robert Davenport 706-255-8031

Adult Bingo

Every Tuesday 10:30 – 11:30am @ 204 Carson St. beginning September 4, 2018.
 Cost is \$1.00 per person.
 For more information call the Commerce Rec Dept. @ 706-335-3236.





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:

January 2-18, 2019

Age Control:

T-ball: Boys & girls must be 4 yrs. old prior to May 1, 2019
Baseball: Prior to May 1, 2019
Softball: Prior to January 1, 2019

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





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.

Fee:
\$75

Age Control:
Age prior to January 1, 2020

**Parent-Tot (Co-ed)-
Soccer & T-ball**
Control: Must be 3 years of
age on or before May 1, 2019.
Registration: Feb. 25 – March
15, 2019.

Registration:
January 2-18, 2019

Practices:
Mid February 2019

Divisions:
6 & under, 8 & under Age
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.

Fee:
\$75

Age Control:
Age prior to January 1, 2020

Practices:
Mid February

Registration:
January 2-18, 2019

Divisions:
8 & under
10 & under
12 & under
14 & under

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

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!

There are some great books that focus on parenting and youth sports. Please check out our page on Youth Basketball books and videos to find out more on this important topic.

Top 10 Pieces of Advice for Baseball-Softball Parents

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

1) 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 Parents By Asking This Questions 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-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. We will have DVDs available and board games set up.

Every Thursday at 6:00pm

Lego Club

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

Every 4th Tuesday at 4pm.



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 23rd 6-8pm

Christmas Activities

Puppet Show with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Date TBA

Dyer/Franklin Bluegrass Christmas

Date TBA

Young Adults

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

YA Writer’s 1st & 3rd Wed @ 4:30

Magic the Gathering Thurs @ 4:00

Game Night 2nd Thurs @ 5:00

Teen Food Tournament TBA



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.



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.

Comedy Night

November, 3rd 7pm – Join Dannette Flint, “The Southern Sassy Lady”, and her for an evening of laughs! Ticket prices starting at \$10 presale; \$12 at the door. ASK ABOUT VIP SEATING!!!!



Shop Small Saturday

November 24th, Kick off the Holiday season by buying gifts locally and enjoying refreshments while you shop!

Musician’s for a Clause

November 29th 8pm – 11pm - Kick off the Holiday season by supporting our local community. Levi Lowrey and Larry Scroggs will be performing at the Cultural Arts Center. This event will be hosted by Commerce’s own, Dannette Flint. Cost of admission is an unwrapped toy. All proceeds will go to Jackson County Family Connections and Project Safe.

Commerce By Candlelight

November 29th 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. End the evening with the lighting of the tree!

Hometown Holiday

December 1st - Don’t miss our annual Donuts and Picture with Santa at the Commerce Civic Center & downtown shopping.

Christmas Parade

December 2nd, 3pm – This year’s Theme: “Christmas at your House”. Decorate your float with your favorite holiday tradition celebrated at home. 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 to register.

Folk to Fine Art Festival

March 1st & 2nd Fri: 7-10pm, 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 20th

Decorate your wagon, bicycle, scooter, electric car and join the fun. Parade route is from South State Bank, contestants to be in place by 10:30am, 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.

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 2nd annual bike race. Over 600 bikers from around the world racing throughout the streets of downtown Commerce! Craft and food vendors, inflatables, and more.



The City of Commerce offers space for events of all shapes and sizes. From weddings, birthday parties, showers, business meetings, banquets, pageants, trade shows, and theater performances.



For more information contact us at civiccenter@commercega.org

110 State St, Commerce, GA 30529

706.335.6417

www.CommerceGa.org



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Contact 706.335.2954

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