

# City of Commerce

Winter 2023/Spring 2024

## Activity Guide



Parks & Recreation  
706.335.3236

Civic Center  
706.335.6417

Commerce  
Main Street  
706.335.1899

Public Library  
706.335.5946



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## **Contact Info**

### **Recreation Department**

**706.335.3236**

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9:00am -5:00pm

Address: 12 Pine Street

Email: rwoodruff@commercega.gov

Director: Ricky Woodruff

### **Commerce Public Library**

**706.335.5946**

Hours: Mon-Wed 10-6, Thu 10-8, Fri 10-5,  
Saturday 10-4

Porch Pickup still available for patrons

Address: 1344 South Broad Street

Email: aabounader@commercega.gov

Manager: Angel Abounader

### **Commerce Main Street**

**706.335.1899**

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:00pm

Address: 1645 South Elm Street

Email: nthomas@commercega.gov

Director: Natalie Thomas

### **Commerce Civic Center**

**706.335.6417**

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

Address: 110 State Street

Email: civiccenter@commercega.gov

Coordinator: Natalie Thomas

### **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 Wascher

### **Commerce Police Department**

**706.335.3200**

Address: 1491 South Elm St.

Chief: Ken Harmon

### **Commerce Fire Department**

**706.335.2190**

Address: 1491 South Elm St

# Public Meeting Spaces, Facility Rentals and Field Rentals

## Commerce Parks & Recreation

### Aquatic Center

204 Carson Street

Includes: 2 hours for pool and lifeguards

\$150 for 50 swimmers or less

\$175 for 51-75 swimmers

\$200 for 76-100 swimmers

Available Saturdays in June/July

from 6-8pm

\*Bookings not available until May

Public Swim Tues-Sat, 1-5pm

### One-Time Rental of a Baseball Field

\$40 per practice for field

### 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.

### Library Board Room

Room Capacity: 20

Room is only available during normal operating hours. No fee. First come first serve.

## Commerce Civic Center \*

*The Commerce Civic Center is currently under renovations for 2023-2024.*



## Commerce Cultural Arts Center

232 Cherry Street

Room Capacity: 200

Theater Style Seating

**Call to reserve**

**706.335.6417**





## 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 4-7: Late October  
Ages 8-12: Mid November

### **Game Begin:**

Ages 4-7: Mid November  
Ages 8-12: Early December

### **Fees:**

\$50 (Instructional)  
\$75 (ages 5-12)

### **Age Control:**

Prior to September 1, 2023

### **Divisions:**

4 year old Instructional (Co-ed),  
7U (Co-ed), 10U, 12U

### **Registration:**

4 yr old Instructional, 7U : Aug 28 -Sept.15,2023  
Ages 8-12: Aug 28– Oct 13, 2023

Register Online at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/commerce-ga/catalog> or  
at 12 Pine 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:**

\$75

### **Practice:**

Mid February

### **Registration:**

Dec. 27, 2023-Jan 12, 2024

### **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

**ALL players must have their own batters helmet.**

### **Bat Restrictions:**

T-ball/PeeWee - Must say  
T-ball on the bat



Ages 7-12 (Softball) – No  
bat restrictions it just  
must be a softball bat



Ages 7-12 (Baseball) –  
Bats must have USA bat  
stamp on the bat

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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 September 1, 2024

**Registration:**

Dec 27, 2023 – Jan 12, 2024

**Practices:**

Mid February

**Division:**

6U,8U,10U, 12U



## 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, 2025

**Practices:**

Mid February

**Registration:**

Dec 27, 2023-Jan 12,2024

**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 12 Pine St. Commerce Ga, 30529. Card fees apply

## Storytime with Ms. Brittney

**Wednesday @ 10:30**

Storytime for children 18 mo-4yrs. The program includes songs, stories, fingerplays, flannel boards, and more.



## Baby & Me

**Friday @ 10:30**

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.

## Seasons of Song

**September & October** Join Mr. Evan this for a music and movement class.

Grades: K-1<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday: Sept 5, 12 & 19 @ 4 pm

Tuesday: Oct 10, 17 & 24 @ 4 pm

Register at the Library

## Eclipse Program for Kids

**October...TBA**

Join Dr. Snook to learn about the 2023 partial eclipse and pick up your free eclipse glasses.

## Boo! Fest on Broad

**October 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 pm.**

Come to the library for spooktacular stories, game and goodies! Ages 2-10

## Veterans Tree of Honor

**Nov 1 – Nov 30**

Bring a picture of your loved one who has served and we will place their photo on our tree of honor



## Veterans Day Celebration

**November 9 @ 6pm**

Join us with special guests from the Luthie-Gillespie-Whitehead American Legion, Post #93 for music and a special program honoring our U.S. Veterans.

## Christmas Activities

**December 2nd**

Join Buzzie Bee at the Christmas Parade

**\*Visit with Santa @ the Library & other festive activities TBA**





**Young Adult Programming**  
Smash Bros every @ Thur 4:30-6

**Chess for All Ages**  
Thursdays @ 6pm

## **Adult Programs**

**Writer's Club**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday@10:30am

**Yoga For Adults**  
Mondays @ 10:30am  
Thursdays @ 6 pm

**Hooks & Needles All Levels**  
Wednesdays @ 10:30am

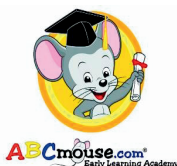
**Commerce Beekeepers Club**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 6pm  
A club for those curious about honey bees, the experienced and beginner beekeeper. All are welcome to visit or join in the Bee Fun!

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**  
September 12<sup>th</sup> 12 - 4pm  
November 28<sup>th</sup> 12 - 4pm  
Stay tuned for more days to donate

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## **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.



## 2023-2024 Events



Commerce, Indiana

September 10 – Cruisin' Commerce Car Show

September 29 – Concert on Cherry – Chris Hampton

October 14 - Fall Fest – Bands Brews & BBQ | Chili Cookoff

October 26 - Boo Fest Commerce Public Library

November 30 – Commerce by Candlelight

December 2 –Christmas Parade – Night of Lights

March 30- Easter Parade

Cruisin Commerce & Farm to Table dinner TBA



ORGANIZATION

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WE NEED YOU!

Main Street needs YOU! Our community volunteers are the heart of Main Street. Your efforts to create events that welcome fun and the true spirit of our city are the backbone of our small town living. If you are new to our city, it's a great way to meet people. If you have volunteered before and want to get back involved or have never been involved, here is your chance to make a difference.

Working together as a community volunteer committee helps keep downtown events happening!

If you would like to find out more information, please contact Natalie Thomas at [mainstreet@commercega.gov](mailto:mainstreet@commercega.gov)



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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.

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