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New Date for Vietnam Veterans: May 21

In the last issue of CityScene, we gave notice of our first of six events being planned over the next three years as part of our partnership with the Department of Defense to honor Camarillo's Vietnam Veterans. The date of this first recognition event will now be **May 21, 2016**, Armed Forces Day, in Constitution Park, next to City Hall at **601 Carmen Drive**. Participating veterans may check-in starting at 9 a.m. The program will begin at 10 a.m.



Vietnam Veterans Recognition
Event, May 21, in Constitution Park.

If you are veteran who served on active duty during the Vietnam War era (defined by DOD as November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975), you are eligible to receive a special certificate of recognition and commemorative pin to honor your service. Only Vietnam Veterans who either lived in Camarillo, Somis, the Heights, the Estates, or the Santa Rosa Valley at the time of their enlistment, or live in these areas now, are eligible for this special recognition. Veterans living outside of these areas are encouraged to contact the County or their city of residence to inquire as to their plans to recognize Vietnam Veterans.

To receive your certificate of recognition and commemorative pin and be acknowledged at the May 21 event, and to receive updates for future events, please contact Kathy Talley at ktalley@cityofcamarillo.org or at (805) 388-5312 and provide your name, branch of service, rank, dates of military and Vietnam service, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address.

Members of the general public are encouraged to attend this public event and show their support for our veterans.

Secure Document Shredding Event



Secure Document Shredding Event,
June 11 at 8 a.m., Rancho Campana
High School.

Save the date: On **Saturday, June 11**, the Rancho Campana Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and Access will host a secure paper-shredding event at Rancho Campana High School, **4235 Mar Vista Drive**, from **8 a.m. to 12 noon**. This event is open to all City residents and businesses. Participants will enter from Fieldgate Drive; access through Camino Alvarez will be closed. Cost is \$5 (cash) per vehicle, payable when you enter the event area. Proceeds will benefit the Rancho Campana PTSA.

Discarding confidential personal information in your household trash is a risky practice that makes you susceptible to identity theft. Documents containing Social Security numbers and other identifying information—including credit card statements, applications, receipts, medical records, bank statements, tax and other legal documents—should all be shredded instead. Access will shred documents with a per-customer maximum of 10 boxes (15"x12"x9") or 12 grocery bags of documents. Once the shred trucks are filled, collection will stop.

Protect your personal information by taking advantage of this event. For additional information, call Access at (805) 529-6866.

Get Discounted Rain Barrels and Compost Bins



Ventura County's Community for a Clean Watershed is pleased to announce that they are again offering 50-gallon rain barrels and 65-gallon compost bins at big discounts. The rain barrels typically retail for \$149, but during this special promotion they are only \$75 (plus tax). Additionally, compost bins are being offered at a discounted price of \$55 (plus tax). We hope these super-low prices will encourage residents to use these two great methods of conserving precious water resources, reducing environmental impacts, and protecting water quality.

With a credit card, barrels & compost bins can be purchased at rainbarrelprogram.org/venturacounty. To place a phone order, call (919) 835-1699 and ask for the price offered through the Ventura County rain barrel and/or compost bin program. Order by May 8 for a May 14 pickup at your choice of two locations: Ventura or Moorpark. All rain barrels and compost bins must be pre-purchased.

Rain barrel features: • 100% recycled plastic • Dimensions: 42.5" H x 22" W x 18" L • Child-proof, bug-proof lid
• Best-in-class overflow set-up • 3/4" ball valve easily connects to garden hose • All parts included and ready to set up
• Gravity fed; no pumps required • Link two or more barrels together using existing overflow hose.

City of Camarillo residents may qualify for a \$75 rebate on up to four rain barrels. Please check your eligibility by visiting: www.socalwatersmart.org. Why not order your barrels today? Then let it rain!

For more information on Ventura County's Community for a Clean Watershed program, please visit: www.cleanwatershed.org; to order a rain barrel, please visit www.rainbarrelprogram.org/venturacounty.

Free Water-Saving Sprinkler Nozzles

Don't be fooled: despite a few recent rains, our area remains in the clutches of a major drought, and we still need to make every drop count. You're probably helping by taking shorter showers, washing only full loads of dishes in your dishwasher, and turning off the water while you brush your teeth, right? Well, here's a simple, effective way to add to those efforts.

The City of Camarillo is participating in a program that offers customers free water-saving sprinkler nozzles. The program is designed to help both residential and commercial customers to reduce the amount of water used on their landscapes and save money on their water bills.

Camarillo water customers can visit FreeSprinklerNozzles.com to view a short video tutorial and follow quick, easy steps to receive a voucher for free Toro Precision™ Spray Nozzles. The voucher is redeemable at local irrigation supply stores. Precision Spray Nozzles can reduce irrigation water use by up to 30%!

Research shows that 60% of residential water is used outdoors. Unfortunately, most landscape irrigation systems are notoriously inefficient. Nearly half of all water used on landscapes does not reach its intended purpose due to "overspray" onto hard surfaces such as sidewalks and driveways and to runoff caused by sprinklers that apply water at a rate faster than soil can absorb it.

Toro Precision™ Spray Nozzles have been designed to reduce water waste by applying water at a slower rate, which gives soil time to absorb the water, and by reducing misting that results in overspray. The nozzles are easy to install and are compatible with most existing irrigation systems.

Interested? Then act now: simply log on to FreeSprinklerNozzles.com and both residential and commercial customers can receive Precision™ Spray Nozzles while supplies last.

For more information on the City's water conservation programs, visit www.cityofcamarillo.org or call (805) 388-5373.



Free water-saving sprinkler nozzles for City of Camarillo water customers.

Water-Saving Tips for the Bathroom



Free Shower Timer to Help You Save Thousands of Gallons of Water.

Although Camarillo received some rain during the rainy season, area rainfall totals are still below normal. The rainy season has officially ended, and statewide mandatory water conservation measures are still in effect. Below are some tips on how to save water in your bathrooms as we head into warmer spring and summer months.

- Spend less time in the shower; aim to reduce your shower time to five minutes. Use a shower timer** to keep you on track, and stick to your new habit.
- Check toilets for leaks. Save 20 gallons per day/per toilet by replacing faulty toilet tank flappers or ball valves. Fixing leaks immediately is required under our City's Stage 2 water conservation measures now in effect. If you suspect a leak, call the Camarillo Water Division at (805) 373-4372 for tips on how to check for toilet leaks, or stop by City Hall and pick up leak detection dye tablets with instructions.
- Install a low-flow showerhead.
- Install a high-efficiency faucet aerator on your bathroom sink.
- Turn off the water when you brush your teeth and shave.

A few small changes will save both water and money. Thank you for your ongoing water conservation efforts—we are meeting our mandatory 20% reduction goal, but we must continue to conserve!

****While supplies last, Camarillo residents may pick up a FREE digital, five-minute shower timer at Camarillo City Hall, 601 Carmen Drive, during normal business hours.**

Are You Ready for Exterior Residential Inspections?

The City of Camarillo strives to maintain the property values, health, safety, and quality of life for all members of our community. One way the City does this is through its *Code Compliance Pro-Active Exterior Residential Inspections*, which are conducted twice a year during the spring starting in March and the fall starting in September. The following are a few common code violations found in residential neighborhoods:

- Trash and debris
- Inoperable vehicles
- Graffiti
- Trash cans in public view
- Recreational vehicle parked too close to the curb
- Overgrown landscape, hedges, bushes, and trees encroaching into the public right-of-way
- Vehicle parked on an unapproved surface

Please do your part to help keep our community well maintained by making sure your property isn't guilty of any of these violations. For questions, call (805) 383-5660.



Residential Vacation House Checks

Do you worry about what's happening back home while you're on vacation? If so, here's an offer that will ease your mind. As a special service, the Camarillo Police Department will monitor the homes of City residents while they are away. The *Residential Vacation House Check Program* is conducted by Camarillo Citizen Patrol volunteers under the direction and supervision of the police. House checks are performed daily and are carried out as the volunteers conduct their frequent patrols within the City. Volunteers ensure that a home's doors and windows are secure, inspect the front and back of the property (if possible), check for unauthorized contacts on the property, and notify deputies if they encounter any suspicious activities.

To register for these periodic checks, residents may contact the Police Department Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Vacation house check forms may be completed at the Police Department or downloaded from www.cityofcamarillo.org and e-mailed to the e-mail address below. Please submit your request at least four working days before the first house check is needed. For more information, call (805) 388-5100 or e-mail to PDHouseWatchEMAILGroup@cityofcamarillo.org.

"The People Are The City"

On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!

The 2016 Summer Reading Program, sponsored by the Friends of the Camarillo Library, begins June 12. Children and teens are encouraged to sign-up in the Children's Area. Record the wonderful stories you read, listen to, and share — and earn prizes!

Children's Programs

- **LEGOS/Game Day:** Saturdays, **May 14** and **Jun. 11** from **10 a.m.** to **4 p.m.**
- **Make a Card** for Mother's Day on **Saturday, May 7** from **10 to 11 a.m.**
- Celebrate Spring by **dancing** around the Maypole on **Saturday, May 14** from **11 a.m.** to **12 p.m.**
- Ages 10-16 can learn **video game design** using visual tools from Sandbox Computers on **Saturday, June 11** from **2 to 4 p.m.**
- Stuntmasters present a **BMX Impact Show**, part of their Healthy Habits Tour, on **Tuesday, June 21** from **1 to 2 p.m.**
- Enjoy pint-sized **carnival games** and some life-size **board games** on the Library lawn, **Saturday, June 25** from **1 to 3 p.m.**
- Join **Bricks 4 Kidz** as we learn and build with LEGO bricks on **Tuesday, June 28** from **2 to 3 p.m.**
- Experience music, stories, and more at **Wonderful, Wacky Wednesdays** at **10 a.m.** and **2 p.m.**

June 15 — **Craig Newton's** Halftime Music Show

June 22 — Interactive music with **One World Rhythm**

June 29 — Emmy Award winning entertainer **Dan Crow** mixes hilarious stories and songs

Teen Programs (ages 12-18)

- AAA presents a variety of important driving topics at **Dare to Prepare**, **Saturday, May 7** from **10 a.m.** to **12:15 p.m.**
 - In conjunction with the ACHS Girl Up Club, join us for a **screening** of the documentary *He Named Me Malala* on **Monday, May 16** at **6:30 p.m.**
 - Teen Advisory Board, **origami crafts** in celebration of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, **Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m.**
 - Learn tips & tricks for providing fun storytimes for kids: **Teen Storytime Workshop, Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m.** to **12 p.m.**
 - Third Thursday **Teen MakerSpace** from **4 to 6 p.m.**
- May 19** — **LED Conductive Sewing** — Let's light up your projects — there are some cool possibilities!
- June 16** — *Makey Makey* — Let's design simple and complex circuits — make anything into a computer key.
- The **Great Game** return on **July 9**. Don't wait, register NOW at the Children's Desk!

Adult Programs

- Representatives from **All Good Things Organic Seeds & Mano Farm** discuss organic seed production, **Sunday, May 1** at **1 p.m.**
- Camarillo Library Camera Club welcomes photographers of all ages & experiences, **Wednesday, May 11** from **6:30 to 8 p.m.**
- Join us for two educational series from the Ventura County Genealogical Society

Saturday, May 21: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. — DNA Special Interest Group

1 to 2:30 p.m. — "Emigration Records: Tracing Immigrants from the Other Side with Ted Gostin"

2:30 to 4 p.m. — "Calabasas Homesteaders: Memories and Images of the Mendenhall and Lee Families"

Saturday, Jun 18: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. — DNA Special Interest Group

1 to 2:30 p.m. — "Across the Prairie: Land Records in the Public Land States"

2:30 to 4 p.m. — "DNA Case Studies Part Deux: Finding the Lee Ancestry with Y-DNA"

- **Dr. Sam Thomas** presents Seeds and Gardens from Babylon to America on **Sunday, May 22** from **2 to 3:45 p.m.**
- Ojai native plant guide **Lanny Kaufer** presents "Native Plants for the Drought-Tolerant Garden," **Sunday, June 12, 2 to 3 p.m.**
- Tune into your purpose and passion in life at the **Vision Workshop, Monday, June 20, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**
- **Must See Movies for Adults: Thursdays** at **6:30 p.m.**

May 5 — *The Big Short* (R) **May 12** — *The Revenant* (R) **May 19** — *Ai WeiWei: Never Sorry* (R) **May 26** — *Creed* (PG-13)

Jun. 2 — *The Intern* (PG-13) **Jun. 9** — *Room* (R) **Jun. 16** — *The Gift* (R) **June 23** — *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* (PG-13)

Jun. 30 — *Suffragette* (PG-13)

Russell Fischer Business Collection

- Learn how to **develop, validate and market** your million dollar idea on **Friday, May 13, 10 a.m.** to **1 p.m.**
- Michael Seay of the MVS School of Business shares "**How to Jumpstart Your Business,**" **Wednesday, May 18, 6 to 8 p.m.**
- Ivan Oberon presents "**Accomplish Your Goals, Don't Just Set Them,**" **Monday, May 23, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**
- Scott Freidman will share his tips that **reduce stress and raise the effectiveness** of your sales, **Wednesday, May 25, 6 to 7 p.m.**
- David Allen Company CEO Mike Williams presents groundbreaking **GTD methodology, Friday, May 27, 8:30 a.m.** to **4 p.m.**
- Enjoy the best of local Camarillo businesses at the **Camarillo Business Expo, Wednesday, June 8, 4 to 7 p.m.**

The library is open **Monday** through **Thursday, 10 a.m.** to **9 p.m.**, and **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 10 a.m.** to **5 p.m.**

The Library will be **closed** on **Monday, May 30** for **Memorial Day**. Contact us at (805) 388-5222 or visit us online at www.camarillolibrary.org. We are located at 4101 Las Posas Road.

May 2016

- 1 **ANNUAL HOSPICE GARDEN TOUR**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
12 P.M.- 4 P.M., TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
WWW.CAMARILLOHOSPICE.ORG
- 7, 14, 21, 28 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.-12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 13, 14 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG
- 15 **PLEASANT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
1 P.M.- 4 P.M., 720 LAS POSAS RD.
WWW.PVHSONLINE.ORG
- 21 **E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT**
SPONSORED BY FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
9 A.M.-1 P.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER,
1605 BURNLEY, FOR INFORMATION, CALL 499-0050
- 21 **ARMED FORCES DAY**
VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION
9 A.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 388-5312
- 22 **CAMARILLO SUNDAY CRUISE**
1 P.M.- 5 P.M., 2222 VENTURA
BLVD.WWW.CAMARILLO-OLDTOWN.COM
- 26 **THROWBACK THURSDAY FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**
5 P.M.- 9 P.M., 201 CAMARILLO RANCH RD.
WWW.CAMARILLORANCH.ORG
- 26 **COUNCIL ON AGING SPONSORS SENIOR**
RESOURCES PANEL PRESENTATION
YOUR NEEDS: WHERE TO GO? WHO TO SEE?
10 A.M.- 12 P.M., 601 CARMEN DR., 388-5397

June 2016

- 4, 11, 18, 25 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- 12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 4 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
ROD STEWART TRIBUTE
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
WWW.CAMARILLOARTSCOUNCIL.ORG
- 10, 11 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG
- 18 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
STEVE TYRELL (THE GREAT AMERICAN STANDARDS)
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
WWW.CAMARILLOARTSCOUNCIL.ORG
- 25 **MOVIE IN THE PARK**
STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
WWW.CAMARILLOARTSCOUNCIL.ORG
- 26 **CAMARILLO SUNDAY CRUISE**
1 P.M. - 5 P.M., 2222 VENTURA BLVD.
WWW.CAMARILLO-OLDTOWN.COM
- 30 **THROWBACK THURSDAY FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**
5 P.M.- 9 P.M., 201 CAMARILLO RANCH RD.
WWW.CAMARILLORANCH.ORG

Free Family Fun on Summer Saturdays



Annual Arts Council Summer
Concerts and Movies in the Park
beginning Sat., June 4.

Aren't summer Saturday evenings great? Who doesn't love those long hours when the sun goes slowly down and there's no work or school tomorrow? Here's a great way to enjoy them even more: pack a picnic dinner and head to Constitution Park for free music or a movie.

On Saturday, June 4, the *Camarillo Arts Council* launches its annual music and movie series in the park. You'll enjoy talented musicians performing different musical styles, alternating with family-friendly films. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and movies begin at 8 p.m. Constitution Park is located next to City Hall at the corner of Carmen Drive and Paseo Camarillo. For a complete schedule or to make a donation, visit www.camarilloartscouncil.org.



Be Notified about
Emergencies
in Camarillo



If there is an emergency affecting Camarillo, to receive a call or text about the situation on your cell phone, or an e-mail to your computer, you need to register for. Just go to www.VCAAlert.org, or call (805) 648-9283, or text **VCALERT** to 313131. Again, it's **FREE!**



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Frontier:	(805) 388-5349	Building & Safety	388-5395
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Recycling & Hazardous Waste:	388-5392	Graffiti Reports	388-5338
Hazardous Waste Appt. Line:	987-0717	Police Department (non-emergency)	388-5100
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Finance	388-5320	City Website	
Accounts Payable:	388-5352	www.cityofcamarillo.org	
Business Licenses:	388-5330	City E-mail Address	
Utility Billing/Customer Service:	388-5325	cityhall@cityofcamarillo.org	
Community Development	388-5360	Camarillo Library Website	
Code Compliance:	383-5660	www.camarillolibrary.org	
Public Works	388-5380	Social Services Hotline: 211	
Streets:	388-5338	Camarillo Government Channel	
Water:	388-5373	Channel 10 (Time Warner customers)	
Engineering:	388-5340	Channel 29 (Frontier customers)	
Traffic:	388-5340		
Water Reclamation:	388-5332		

