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A Rockin' Christmas Parade

The excitement starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10. Yes, it's time once again for the annual Camarillo Christmas Parade, presented by the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District and sponsored by the City of Camarillo. This year's parade, with the theme of "A Rockin' Christmas," will entertain us with electrifying bands, awe-inspiring floats, superb equestrian units, spectacular balloons, impressive autos, and various specialty units—all traveling from the corner of Temple and Las Posas Road to Santa's Village in Community Center Park.



Camarillo Christmas Parade begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of Temple and Las Posas Road.

Join us before the parade kicks off for a thrilling Marching Band Competition on Temple Avenue between Ponderosa and Temple, across from the First Baptist Church. The battle of the bands begins at 8:30 a.m., so arrive early to get a seat.

Parade-related festivities will also be found in Santa's Village at the Community Center, 1605 E. Burnley Street. Enjoy delicious food, kids' crafts, visits with Santa, holiday shopping, merry music, fun inflatables, games, and much more, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more details on the parade and Santa's Village, visit www.pvrpd.org or call (805) 482-1996.

Free LED Holiday Light Exchange and E-waste Collection Event



Here's an easy way to be "greener" for the holidays. The Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA) is teaming with the CSUCI Green Generation club and PC Recycle to host a local electronic waste collection event and holiday light exchange on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Mission Oaks Park, 5879 Mission Oaks Blvd. Residents of Camarillo and all of Ventura County are encouraged to participate.

Residents will receive two free LED light strands per household in exchange for old, incandescent light strands (while supplies last). LED lighting differs from incandescent and compact fluorescent lighting because it is more efficient, durable, versatile, and longer lasting. All of that adds up to energy savings.

Don't forget to bring your outdated electronics for safe recycling as well. For more information regarding the LED light exchange, please call the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance at (805) 654-3874, or for e-waste related questions, call PC Recycle at (805) 499-0050.

How to Recycle Your Christmas Tree

E.J. Harrison & Sons and the City of Camarillo make it easy for you to “recycle” your Christmas tree as much-needed mulch. Simply remove the ornaments, hooks, lights, tinsel, bows, nails, and tree stand, cut the tree into four-foot sections, and place them in your yard waste barrel on your scheduled pickup day. Harrison & Sons even accepts flocked trees for recycling. Collected trees are processed into various sizes of mulch, which is used to make several products that benefit local farmlands, orchards, nurseries, and gardens.



As a special holiday feature, E.J. Harrison & Sons’ customers may put out twice the amount of trash at no extra charge during the two weeks after Dec. 25. Please make sure the extra trash is in paper or plastic bags alongside your regular trash bin. Customers may also put out extra recyclables; flatten all boxes and place them beside the recycling bin. Happy New Year!

Q&A about Beverage Container Recycling



The next time you enjoy a frosty beverage, take a closer look at the label. If you see a symbol that says CA CASH REFUND or CA CRV, you’ll get more out of that bottle or can than a little refreshment. That symbol means the container is eligible to be recycled for cash.

How much will I get?

*5¢ for most glass bottles, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans less than 24 ounces. *10¢ for containers equal to 24 ounces and larger. Most recycling centers weigh the beverage containers and pay the State’s mandatory rates-per pound.

Most beverage containers qualify for the California Refund Value (CRV). (Containers of milk, wine, and distilled spirits do not qualify for a refund but can still be put in your recycle bin.) For a complete list of recyclable containers with brand-name examples, visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov.

Where does this money come from? Actually, it’s added to the price of the beverage when you buy it. You get it back when you bring containers to a recycling center. The CRV from containers placed in curbside or public recycling bins is claimed by the company that collects them (E.J. Harrison & Sons in Camarillo).

Where do I go to recycle? In most cases you don’t have to go far out of your way. Recycling centers in Camarillo include *Camarillo Recycling, Inc., 849 Via Alondra*, and *Santa Rosa Recycling, 5243 Mission Oaks Blvd.*

What symbol should I look for?

- CA CASH REFUND
- CA CRV
- California Redemption Value
- CA Redemption Value
- California Cash Refund

Election Day - November 8, 2016

The 2016 general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. This is the day to cast your vote for President, federal Congressional seats that are up for a vote as well as state and local races and ballot measures. For voting info, please see below:

- Registered voters may choose to Vote By Mail by completing a Vote By Mail Voter Application. The deadline to submit the form for the coming election is 5 p.m. Nov. 1, 2016. Forms are available at City Hall, 601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, or at the Ventura County Elections Division, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura.
- Voters can “go green” by opting out of receiving their Sample Ballot booklet by mail, instead accessing it online. To choose this option, visit www.recorder.countyofventura.org/elections/voter-information.
- Ballots may be cast at your designated polling location. You can find polling place information by visiting the County Recorder’s website or by calling the County Elections Department at (805) 654-2664.
- Vote By Mail ballots can be: 1) returned by U.S. Mail with first class postage; 2) dropped off at any City Clerk’s office in any of the ten city halls throughout the county, during normal business hours; 3) returned directly to the Ventura County Elections Division, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura; or 4) dropped off on Election Day at any polling place within Ventura County.
- In order to be counted, a Vote By Mail ballot MUST be received at the Ventura County Elections Division or a polling place by 8 p.m.—the time polls close—on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016.

Free Grants Workshop for Nonprofits

Could your organization use more money to do more good? Then mark your calendars: on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., the City of Camarillo will conduct a workshop for nonprofit groups and agencies seeking Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs) and Community Service Grants for Fiscal Year 2017/18. The workshop will be held at the Camarillo Public Library, 4101 Las Posas Road. If you plan to request funding through either of these sources, we urge you to attend the workshop. Applications will be available online at www.cityofcamarillo.org, following the workshop. Filing deadline is Friday, Jan. 20, 2017.

CDBG funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. They are designated to help create more viable urban communities by providing suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. These funds may be used for housing, public services, public facilities, and economic-development activities.

Community Service Grants come from the City of Camarillo. They are available to qualified groups with a current 501(c)(3) registration, such as community service organizations, nonprofit corporations, and parent/teacher groups. Capital projects and community service activities (including enhancement of established events and programs) that directly serve or benefit Camarillo residents are eligible.

For more information regarding CDBGs, contact Oksana Buck at (805) 388-5367 or e-mail obuck@cityofcamarillo.org. For additional information regarding Community Service Grants, contact Deborah Whitlock at (805) 383-5654 or e-mail dwhitlock@cityofcamarillo.org.

Study with a Cop at the Camarillo Library



The Camarillo Police Department is excited to announce a new program: “Study with a Cop.” The City of Camarillo, the Camarillo Police Department, and the Camarillo Library are partners in this program, which takes place at Camarillo Library after school, Monday through Friday, from 3 to 5 p.m. A deputy will interact with the youth of our community on an informal and educational level. The deputy will provide mentorship, educate our youth regarding life skills, and assist with job applications and resume preparation. Weekly guest speakers are also planned; they’ll educate students about potential careers and how to engage in community service.

This collaborative program will enhance the lives of our young people and benefit many residents throughout Camarillo. There is no cost to the youths who want to participate. If you would like further information, contact the Camarillo Police Department’s Community Resource Unit at (805) 388-5131.

Thank You, 2016 Coastal Cleanup Volunteers!

The 32nd Anniversary of California Coastal Cleanup Day took place Sept. 17. In Camarillo, 208 volunteers removed 748 pounds of trash and recyclables from two locations: Calleguas Creek and the Mission Oaks Park barranca. Volunteers worked diligently to stop debris at its source, preventing it from entering our waterways and winding up in the ocean.

Camarillo’s volunteers were part of the countywide event during which more than 2,699 volunteers removed nearly 9,826 pounds of trash and recyclables from Ventura County’s beaches, shorelines, and inland waterways (per preliminary data reports). Many thanks to all of you who dedicated your time to cleaning up and making our environment a better place to live! We hope to see you again next year on the third Saturday in September.

Meanwhile, the City of Camarillo and the California Coastal Commission continue to request that all residents take responsibility for ensuring that trash is disposed of properly—securely in a trash can, recycling bin, or a hazardous waste facility when appropriate.



Camarillo High School Baseball was a tremendous help in picking up debris at Calleguas Creek during this year’s Coastal Cleanup.

“The People Are The City”

Holidays at the Camarillo Library

Youth & Family Programs

- **Camarillo Kiwanis Club Book Buddies:** Members share stories. **Tuesdays, Nov. 1 – 15, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**
- **Family Storytime:** Our storytellers present stories, songs, & crafts. Join the fun! **Tuesdays, Nov. 1 – Dec. 13, 7 to 8 p.m.**
- **PAWS for Reading:** Children read to certified therapy dogs. **Mondays & Wednesdays, Nov. 2 – Dec. 14, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**
- **Toddler Time with Miss Susan:** Miss Susan tells stories and sings songs to toddlers. **Mondays, Nov. 7 – Dec. 12, 10 to 11 a.m.**
- **Preschool Storytimes:** Preschoolers & families enjoy stories & crafts. **Tuesdays & Wednesdays, Nov. 8 – Dec. 14, 10 to 11 a.m.**
- **International Games Day:** Play interactive games with family & friends. **Saturday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
- **One World Rhythm:** An interactive music-making experience for the whole family. **Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 10 a.m.**
- **Gingerbread Houses:** Make gingerbread houses! Register at the Children's Desk starting **Nov. 1. Saturday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m.**
- **A Visit with Santa:** Santa Claus will make a very special visit to our library. Stories, crafts, & photos. **Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.**
- **Worldwide Winter Holiday Stories:** Stories from a variety of countries in this special storytime. **Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.**
- **Books & Bookmarks:** Join us for Winter stories followed by a special bookmark project. **Monday, Dec. 19 at 10 a.m.**
- **Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah!** Stories, songs, & crafts for children in celebration of Hanukkah. **Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 10 a.m.**

Teen Programs (ages 12–18)

- **Teen Readers Conference:** Join us for this annual event, discover new titles, and get free books! **Saturday, Nov. 5, 2 to 4 p.m.**
- **Makerspace – Squishy Circuits:** Family friendly! Learn about circuits using lights & Play-Doh. **Thursday, Nov. 17, 4 to 6 p.m.**
- **Teen Book Club:** Get a free book each month and discuss it the following month. **Saturday, Nov. 19, 1 to 2:30 p.m.**
- **Teen Advisory Board:** Join the TAB as a fun way to earn community service hours. **Saturday, Nov. 19, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.**
- **Gingerbread Houses:** Make gingerbread houses! Teens (12–18) register at the Children's Desk starting **Nov. 1. Dec. 3, 2 p.m.**
- **Makerspace – Holiday Hoopla:** Make a variety of holiday crafts, LEDs, sewing, light cards, & more! **Dec. 15, 4 to 6 p.m.**
- **Teen Book Club:** Get a free book each month and discuss it the next month. **Dec. 17, 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

Adult Programs

- **Tuesday Morning Book Club:** All Over But the Shouting by Rick Bragg on **Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
- **Camarillo Camera Club:** Join photographers of all ages & experiences, **Wednesdays, Nov. 9 & Dec. 14, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**
- **Veterans Book Club:** Fields of Fire by James Webb on **Thursday, Nov. 10, 6 to 7 p.m.**
- **Local Author Book Fair:** Our first Local Author Book Fair features over 30 local authors. **Sunday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
- **Volunteer Orientation:** Join the team! Meets every 3rd Thursday of the month. **Nov. 17 & Dec. 15, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday Evening Book Club (Special Night):** The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen on **Thursday, Nov. 17, 7 to 8 p.m.**
- **VCGS DNA Special Interest Group:** Bring your laptop, DNA login, & your family tree. **Saturday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
- **VCGS Lecture:** “Grow Your Family Tree with Online Military Records” with Cafi Cohen. **Saturday, Nov. 19, 1 to 2 :30 p.m.**
- **VCGS Genealogy Workshop:** “World War I Home Front Research” with Lyn Gesch. **Saturday, Nov. 19, 2:30 to 4 :30 p.m.**
- **CSUCI Lecture Series:** “Recovering Imagination: Is There a Poem Unspoken Inside You?” **Monday, Dec. 12, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**
- **The Other Reindeer Christmas Carolers:** Holiday song classics in the Community Room. **Saturday, Dec. 17 from 2 to 3 p.m.**

Must See Movies for Adults

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. – Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Nov. 3 – Nice Guys (R) **Nov. 10 – No movie tonight** **Nov. 17 – Me Before You (PG–13)** **Nov. 24 – Closed for Thanksgiving**
Dec. 1 – Pan's Labyrinth (R) **Dec. 8 – Café Society (PG–13)** **Dec. 15 – Star Trek Beyond (PG–13)** **Dec. 22 – Indignation (R)**
Dec. 29 – Imperium (R)

Russell Fischer Business Collection – Presentations

- “Content is King: How to Create & Curate Content That Makes an Impact.” **Wednesday, Nov. 2, 6 to 7 p.m.**
- OPEN: “Interviewing – Communicating a Positive Attitude.” **Friday, Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
- “Defending Your Creations: Protecting Intellectual Property in Business.” **Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6 to 8 p.m.**
- OPEN: “Power of Positivity During Your Job Search.” **Friday, Dec. 2, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
- SMS Marketing: “The Power of Texting.” **Tuesday, Dec. 6, 9 to 10 a.m.**

Ongoing Library Programs

- **Adult Literacy Center:** For info on becoming a volunteer tutor or learner, call (805) 388-5580 or (805) 388-5822.
- **Tech Lab:** Basic tech assistance provided by staff during reservable 15-minute sessions. **Mondays, 2 to 3 p.m.**
- **Seed Lending @ Camarillo Library:** Check out seeds to grow, save, & return. Open daily during library hours.

All programs are free and open to the public. The library is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., & Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Library will be **closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday Nov. 24 & Friday Nov. 25;** on **Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25; & on New Year's Day, Sunday, Jan 1.** Contact us at (805) 388-5222 or visit us online at www.camarillolibrary.org. We are located at 4101 Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93010.

November 2016

- 4 **CAMARILLO ART CENTER (CAC)**
FREE OPEN STUDIO NIGHT
6 P.M., 3150 E. PONDEROSA DRIVE, 445-7061
- 5, 12, 19, 26 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M. - 12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 987-3347
- 11, 12 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG
- 12 **FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION & LED CHRISTMAS LIGHT EXCHANGE EVENT**
9 A.M. - 1 P.M., MISSION OAKS PARK
5501 MISSION OAKS BLVD., CAMARILLO
FOR INFO., PLEASE CALL 499-0050
WWW.PCRECYCLE.US
- 24 **FREE TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER**
11 A.M. - 4 P.M., 341 SUITE A, ARNEIL RD.
CAMARILLO MOOSE FAMILY CENTER, 484-9118

December 2016

- 2 **CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE CAMARILLO RANCH**
5 P.M. - 8 P.M., CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE
201 CAMARILLO RANCH RD., 389-8182
- 3 **CAC HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR**
9 A.M. - 1 P.M., 3150 E. PONDEROSA DRIVE
FACEBOOK.COM/CAMARILLOARTCENTER
- 3 **STUDIO CHANNEL ISLANDS ARTISTS' STUDIOS HOLIDAY ART MARKET**
10 A.M. - 5 P.M., 2222 VENTURA BLVD., 383-1368
- 3 **HOSPICE TREE OF LIFE LIGHTING CEREMONY**
4:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK, CAMARILLO
WWW.CAMARILLOHOSPICE.ORG
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M. - 12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 987-3347
- 7, 14 **SANTA NIGHTS**
4:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M., CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE
201 CAMARILLO RANCH RD., 389-8182
- 9, 10 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG
- 10 **CAMARILLO CHRISTMAS PARADE**
10 A.M., CORNER OF TEMPLE AND LAS POSAS
FOR DETAILS, CALL 482-1996
WWW.PVRPD.ORG
- 11 **MEADOWLARK SERVICE LEAGUE ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME TOUR FUNDRAISER**
1 P.M. - 5 P.M., VARIOUS LOCATIONS, CAMARILLO
WWW.MEADOWLARKSERVICELEAGUE.COM
- 11 **MEADOWLARK SERVICE LEAGUE RED BARN HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**
10 A.M. - 5 P.M., 201 CAMARILLO RANCH RD.
WWW.MEADOWLARKSERVICELEAGUE.COM
- 12, 19 **SANTA NIGHTS**
3 P.M. - 6 P.M., CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE
201 CAMARILLO RANCH RD., 389-8182
WWW.CAMARILLORANCH.ORG
- 27 **COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING**
5 P.M. - 6:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK

Are You a Responsible Pet Owner?

Take our quiz and find out. True or false?



1. If your dog only lives indoors or stays inside your fenced yard, you are not required to get a license.

FALSE. Within Camarillo city limits, all dogs four months old and older are required by law to be licensed.

2. To get a license, your dog must be vaccinated against rabies.

TRUE. Camarillo is a "rabies-declared area," and you must show a certificate of vaccination to get a dog license. Shots are available at rabies clinics for under \$10 (cash or credit card accepted). For dates and locations, visit the Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) website at www.vcas.us. Veterinarians' offices also offer rabies vaccinations; call a local vet to find out what they charge.

3. New dog owners have six months to obtain a license.

FALSE. You must obtain the license within 30 days of acquiring your new pet. Once you have the rabies certificate, contact VCAS. The 12-month license fee is \$20 for an altered (sterile) pet and \$80 for an unaltered (fertile) pet. VCAS provides vouchers for discounts on spaying/neutering. However, you may have to pay a penalty if your dog is not licensed by four months old or within 30 days of acquiring it, so don't wait until your animal is spayed or neutered to get a license.

4. Dog licenses are good for at least one year.

TRUE, as long as the rabies certificate is valid during the entire period. To save money, you can now get a two- or three-year license. Remember to renew your license each year on or before its expiration date. **Note:** Most licensing locations do not have access to your information, so you must bring your renewal paperwork with you.

5. Dog owners must apply for their licenses in person.

FALSE. VCAS now has an online licensing service. Visit the VCAS website for instructions on how to use this option.

6. Responsible dog owners keep dogs on leashes in public places and clean up after them.

TRUE. You all know this, right? And do you always do it?

7. Dogs should wear a license tag and be microchipped.

TRUE. License tags and microchips tell VCAS where dogs live so lost ones can be returned. License tags also prove that your pet is not a health danger to the community.

8. Responsible pet owners save all of us money.

TRUE, because spaying and neutering means fewer unwanted animals are born, which results in taxpayers (that's us!) paying less for animal care and sheltering costs. Also, as indicated above, a current license tag and microchip is a pet's free "Ticket Home" and ultimately saves taxpayers money on animal care and sheltering costs as fewer pets will end up at the local animal shelter.

So how did you do on our quiz? We hope you found out you already are a responsible pet owner or convinced you to become one. Questions? Call Ventura County Animal Services at (805) 388-4341 or visit www.vcas.us.



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Telephone Directory

City Manager	(805) 388-5307	Abandoned Vehicles	388-5150
Cable TV Customer Service		Airport Noise Complaints	947-6803
Spectrum:	(888) 388-5349	Animal Services	388-4341
Frontier:	(805) 388-5349	Building & Safety	388-5395
City Cable TV Representative:	388-5349	Camarillo Area Transit (Dial-A-Ride)	988-4228
Economic Development:	388-5349	Camarillo Library	388-5222
Trash Collection (E.J. Harrison):	647-1414	Fire Department (non-emergency)	389-9710
Recycling & Hazardous Waste:	388-5392	Graffiti Reports	388-5338
Hazardous Waste Appt. Line:	987-0717	Police Department (non-emergency)	388-5100
City Clerk	388-5316	Camarillo Post Office	(800) 275-8777
Records Requests		City Website	
Finance	388-5320	www.cityofcamarillo.org	
Accounts Payable:	388-5352	City E-mail Address	
Business Licenses:	388-5330	cityhall@cityofcamarillo.org	
Utility Billing/Customer Service:	388-5325	Camarillo Library Website	
Community Development	388-5360	www.camarillolibrary.org	
Code Compliance:	383-5660	Social Services Hotline: 211	
Public Works	388-5380	Camarillo Government Channel	
Streets:	388-5338	Channel 10 (Spectrum customers)	
Water:	388-5373	Channel 29 (Frontier customers)	
Engineering:	388-5340		
Traffic:	388-5340		
Water Reclamation:	388-5332		

