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A New CERT Class Begins in January

Training for Camarillo's next **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** program will begin the week of January 29. CERT members are the point people in their neighborhoods during a response to an emergency, and are a valuable resource for professionals in emergency response.



The initial CERT class graduated in November 2006. (see photos)

The Ventura County Fire Department provides CERT training. Participants are taught first aid, fire extinguisher use, search and rescue skills, and much more. Training takes place once a week for eight weeks, and involves classroom and field instruction.



The CERT program is free to the trainees, and is funded by the Department of Homeland Security. In addition to training, class participants receive hard hats, vests, flashlights, goggles, and field gloves.



CERT is available to all men and women at least 18 years of age. If you would like to join CERT, please contact John Fraser at 388-5349 or jfraser@ci.camarillo.ca.us.

The Next Chapter Fundraising Campaign

The City of Camarillo is sincerely grateful to all those who have generously supported The Next Chapter campaign this year. Because of your generosity, we are able to further our goal of raising one million dollars.

With these efforts the fundraising campaign is in receipt of over 500 individual contributions. In aggregate this has added to the campaign goal which currently stands at over three quarters of a million dollars.

To learn more about how to make a donation, please visit www.camarillo.ca.us or call the City Manager's Office at (805) 388-5307.

What you Should Know Before you Hire a Contractor

The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) was established in 1929 as the Contractors License Bureau under the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards. Today it is part of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

California has 43 different types of trade classifications, including general and specialty contractors. It is always wise to use the "buyer beware" principle to protect yourself when making improvements to your home in order to avoid problems later on. Is the contractor properly licensed? In California, anyone who contracts to perform work that is valued at \$500 or more for materials and labor must hold a current, valid license from the Contractors State License Board in the specialty for which he or she is contracting.

The Contractors State License Board is an excellent source of information for the consumer who wants to make sure the job is done right. Before you sign anything, check the CSLB website, www.cslb.ca.gov, or call the Contractors State License Board at (800) 321-CSLB, to make sure the contractor is properly licensed and has workers' compensation insurance.

In addition, all persons conducting business within the City of Camarillo are required to possess a valid business tax certificate (business license) before they start work on a project. To check if a contractor has registered with the City ask to see his or her certificate or call the Business Tax Division at (805) 388-5330.

California Beverage Refund Value to Increase January 2007

Assembly Bill 3056 (Chapter 907, Statute of 2006), an urgency statute, was signed by the Governor on September 30, 2006. Effective January 1, 2007, California Refund Value (CRV) paid to consumers will increase to 5¢ for beverage containers less than 24 ounces, and 10¢ for containers 24 ounces or greater. The following beverage containers are included in the CRV program:

- Beer & malt beverages.
- Carbonated and non-carbonated fruit drinks.
- Carbonated and non-carbonated soft drinks, water and "sport" drinks.
- Coffee and tea drinks.
- Distilled spirit coolers
- Vegetable drinks (16 ounces & less)
- Wine coolers.

For CRV-related questions or complaints please contact:

California Dept. of Conservation
1-800-RECYCLE
www.bottlesandcans.com



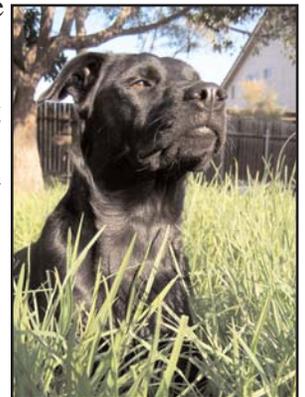
Pollution Prevention and Your Pets

The City of Camarillo would like to remind pet owners to please pick up after their pets. Pet waste contains bacteria, viruses and parasites that can threaten the health of people and wildlife. If it is not picked up, rain and irrigation runoff water can carry it into the streets and gutters, down the storm drain, and directly out to our creeks and the ocean. Please remember that anything entering our storm drain system is not treated to remove pollutants such as bacteria, before emptying into the creeks and ocean. City codes require that pet waste be disposed of properly by placing it in the trash, and the deposit of pet waste on public property (including sidewalks, parks, and streets) is punishable by a fine.



Tips for Bagging Pet Waste

1. Reuse plastic newspaper bags, bread bags, sandwich bags or grocery bags.
2. Keep a supply of bags with your dog leash, or better yet, tie the bag onto your leash.
3. Take advantage of the free pet waste bags provided at all City parks by the Pleasant Valley Recreation & Parks District and the City of Camarillo.
4. When walking your pet, bring the bags with you to retrieve your pet's waste, tie the bag closed and dispose of it in the trash.



Thank you for helping to keep our watershed clean! For more information on pollution prevention, please visit our new countywide website at www.cleanwatershed.org or call the City of Camarillo at 383-5659.

Why Recycle Construction & Demolition Waste Debris?

In 1989, the State of California passed Assembly Bill 939, which required each City and County in California to reduce the waste sent to landfills by at least 50 percent by the year 2000.

Since Construction and Demolition (C&D) may represent up to 30 percent of a City's waste stream, it is important that it is managed through source reduction, reuse and recycling.

Construction and demolition debris (C&D Waste) is a material generated in the construction and demolition of buildings, roads, homes, tenant improvements and landscaping. This waste stream includes, but is not limited to, the following: asphalt, concrete, corrugated cardboard, ferrous and nonferrous metals, glass, gypsum, red clay brick, and wood waste.



C&D Waste may be recycled into a number of useful

products: concrete and asphalt wastes are crushed for use as aggregate base in road construction; metal can be sold as scrap to processors for recycling; good quality red clay brick is used by building material companies; wood wastes can be used for soil amendment; corrugated cardboard can be recycled into new cardboard packaging.

To recycle C&D Waste, assess the amount and composition of the waste. If the material quantities are significant enough to warrant separation and a minimal amount of time and space is available, you may find that processing the C&D Waste provides cost savings.

The following recycling centers accept wood and lumber :

- Gold Coast Recycling 5275 Colt Street, Ventura
- Cal Wood Recycling 6859 Arnold Rd, Port Hueneme
- Simi Valley Landfill Recycling Center 2801 Madera Rd.

For additional information on C&D Waste and recycling centers please call the City's Recycling Coordinator at (805) 388-5392 or visit

www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/live/recycling.html.

What's This Electronic Waste Fee On My Receipt?

On January 1, 2005 an Electronic Waste Recycling Fee was assessed on certain "covered electronic devices" sold in California. "Covered" means covered by the law, and includes most video display products such as computer monitors and televisions. The fee, ranging from \$6 to \$10 depending on screen size, will be collected at the time of retail sale, including Internet and catalog sales, to California consumers.



Collected fees will be deposited in an Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Account managed by the State of California. The fees will be used to provide payments to authorized collectors and recyclers, fostering the development of recycling opportunities and offsetting the cost of properly managing these types of products at the end of their useful lives. Due to hazardous components, it is unlawful to dispose of covered electronic devices with regular municipal waste.

It is imperative to note that the Electronic Waste Recycling Fee is not a deposit, and that the covered products do not contain "redemption value," like many beverage containers in California. Consumers are not entitled to reimbursement of the fee when covered products are recycled. Rather, the intent of the fee is to reduce, or eliminate, the costs associated with properly recycling this material when it becomes waste.

For more information on electronic waste reuse and recycling opportunities, please contact the City's Recycling Coordinator at (805) 388-5392 or contact the specific product manufacturer to seek guidance on handling the material. For other resources on reusing and recycling electronic products, visit www.ciwmb.ca.gov/electronics/ReuseRecycle/.

Social Host Responsibility and Liability Ordinance

The Camarillo Police Department reports a rise in the occurrence of loud or unruly gatherings, including, those where underage persons are served or consume alcohol. Such gatherings include those that cause excessive noise, excessive traffic, obstruct public streets, serve alcohol to underage persons, result in fights, vandalism, disturb the peace, or pose other public health and safety hazards. Indeed, the Department has found it necessary to respond to many such incidents in recent years resulting in a significant drain of resources which could be used by the City to respond to emergencies and to provide services elsewhere. The City has studied the problem and has examined various legislative solutions that currently exist in other cities. As a result, the City Council has enacted a Social Host Responsibility and Liability Ordinance, codified as Chapter 10.32 of the Camarillo Municipal Code.



The Ordinance provides a mechanism to deter the hosting of loud or unruly gatherings. The Ordinance provides that violations constitute civil offenses punishable by a fine, one which escalates for repeat offenses. A first violation is punishable by a \$500 fine, a second violation within 12 months is \$1000 and a third violation within 12 months is \$2500. The Ordinance also provides that law enforcement and other City officials who respond to a loud or unruly gathering may issue a warning to the host, or another “responsible person” at the gathering that they may be liable for the law enforcement and emergency response costs for subsequent gatherings. The owner of the property where the gathering occurred will also be deemed a “responsible person.” A warning will be sent to the owner of the property within 30 days of the City’s response to the loud or unruly gathering.

If it should become necessary for law enforcement or other City officials to return to the same location because of other loud or unruly gatherings which occur within 12 months of a warning, the City will hold responsible persons liable for the costs of such response.

With this new law, the City aims to encourage socially responsible behavior, consideration for neighbors, and impose liability on those who drain taxpayer dollars away from necessary services and responses to actual emergencies.

City Commissions, Boards and Committees Openings

Have you ever considered participating in the decision-making process for some of the City’s projects? Involvement in setting the direction of the community can be rewarding, and you can meet and network with other people. The City has openings on committees as listed below. These committees meet either monthly or as needed. Some positions require the applicant to complete and file a Statement of Economic Interest form. Please visit www.fppc.ca.gov for information regarding the form.

Rent Review Commission	
Multi-family Member (Tenant)	1 position
Mobile Home Member (Owner)	1 position
Mobile Home Member (Owner Alternate)	1 position
Mobile Home Member (Tenant)	1 position
Mobile Home Member (Tenant Alternate)	1 position
Public Member	1 position
Camarillo Ranch Foundation Board Member	5 positions
Citizens Advisory Committee to the Redevelopment Project Area	12 positions
Investment Committee	1 position
Ventura County Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee	1 position

Applications are available at the City Clerk’s Office in City Hall, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Applications, along with a current resume, must be submitted to the City Clerk’s Department no later than Friday, February 2, 2007. If you would like more information regarding the committees listed above, see www.ci.camarillo.ca.us or contact City Clerk Deborah Harrington at 388-5353 or via email at dhaddharrington@ci.camarillo.ca.us.

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January 2007

- January 4 **NATIVE AMERICAN CHUMASH STORY TELLER**
11 A.M., STERLING HILLS GOLF CLUB, RSVP 484-8721
- January 6,13, 20, 27 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- January 9 **CAMARILLO COUNCIL ON AGING
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**
10:35 A.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER
- January 12, 13 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717
- January 22 **CAMARILLO ROTARY CLUB - 37TH ANNUAL
VIVA LA COMIDA MEXICAN DINNER**
5 P.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER, 650-5915

CITY HALL WILL BE **CLOSED** ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, MONDAY, JANUARY 25

February 2007

- February 1 **ANNUAL HIGH TEA/SILENT AUCTION**
11 A.M., STERLING HILLS GOLF CLUB, RSVP 488-3478
- February 3, 10 17, 24 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- February 9, 10 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717
- February 9, 10 **FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION EVENT**
8 A.M. - 4 P.M. 1605 BURNLEY DR.,
CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER, 644-1214 OR 388-5392
- February 13 **MEDICARE CHANGES FOR PLAN YEAR 2007**
10:35 A.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER

CITY HALL WILL BE **CLOSED** ON THE FOLLOWING DAY:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Public Meetings

- January 10, 24 **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**
February 14, 28 5 P.M., CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, CA 93010
- January 2, 16 **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**
February 6, 20 7:30 P.M., CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, CA 93010

Bank Draft Your Utility Bill

If you would like to save time, postage, envelopes, and write fewer checks, the City of Camarillo can help. With your "AUTHORIZATION," we can deduct your monthly utility bill from your checking account. No more worries about your payment getting delayed or lost, and your bill is paid even if you're out of town on business or on vacation.

With Automatic Bank Draft, your utility bill is automatically paid through your regular checking account as follows:

- Each month approximately 18 days before your bank account is encumbered, you will receive a statement showing the amount of your bill.
- The date of withdrawal from your checking account also will appear on your monthly bill.
- On the Bank Draft date, your bank will withdraw from your checking account the amount due from your checking account and electronically forward it to the City of Camarillo.

It's very easy to set up – just call the City's Customer Service Division at (805) 388-5325 to request an application.

CityScene TV

Channel 10
Wednesday; and Friday through Sunday



Noon, 6 pm, 7:30 p.m., and 10 p.m.
Please call 388-5349

The Camarillo Government Channel offers free community advertisements, the local talk show *CityScene TV*, City Council, Planning Commission, School Board, Board of Supervisors meetings, and more. Check it out! Please call (805) 388-5349 for information.

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Free e-waste Collection Event

Televisions, computer monitors, and other electronic waste (e-waste) must not be disposed of in landfills because circuit boards, batteries, and cathode ray tubes (CRTs) may contain hazardous materials such as lead, mercury and chromium. If improperly handled or disposed, these toxins can be released into the environment.

Businesses and residents can drop off their unwanted e-waste at no cost; however, participants are encouraged to donate \$2/item for handling and processing of the e-waste collected. Participants can receive a tax-deduction for the fair market value of items dropped off as well as the monetary donations. A portion of the donations collected and recycling credits received from the state will be used to support the new Camarillo Library.

Accepted e-waste

- ~ Televisions
- ~ Monitors
- ~ Computers
- ~ Printers
- ~ VCRs and DVD Players
- ~ Stereos
- ~ AM/FM Radios
- ~ Cell Phones
- ~ Microwave Ovens

Free e-waste Event

**1605 Burnley Drive, Camarillo
Community Center Parking Lot
(805) 388-5392
February 9-10
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
No appointment needed!**



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In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to obtain the information in this newsletter, please contact City Hall at 388-5392.

Telephone Directory

City Manager	388-5307	Abandoned Vehicles	388-5150
Cable TV Cust. Service:	888-TWCABLE	Airport Noise Complaints	388-4202
City Cable TV Representative:	388-5349	Animal Regulation	388-4341
Economic Development:	388-5349	Camarillo Area Transit (Dial-a-Ride)	988-4228
Refuse Collection (E.J. Harrison):	647-1414	Graffiti Reports	388-5338
Recycling & Hazardous Waste:	388-5392	Fire Department (non-emergency)	389-9710
City Hazardous Waste Appts.	987-0717	Police Department (non-emergency)	388-5100
City Clerk	388-5316	Automated Citizens Info. System	484-8388
Finance	388-5320	ACIS is a 24-hour phone service with over 250 messages, some faxable.	
Accounts Payable:	388-5352	City website	
Business Licenses:	388-5330	http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/	
Utility Billing Services:	388-5325	Email Next Chapter	
Community Development	388-5360	nextchapter@ci.camarillo.ca.us	
Code Enforcement:	383-5660	City Email Address	
Public Works	388-5380	cityhall@ci.camarillo.ca.us	
Streets:	388-5338		
Water:	388-5373		
Engineering:	388-5340		
Traffic:	388-5340		
Waste Water	388-5332		
Building & Safety	388-5395		



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