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Library Grand Opening Draws Large Crowd

The greatly anticipated dedication and grand opening of the new Camarillo Library was the main attraction in the City on March 31, 2007. As many as 5,000 people, local and from neighboring cities, gathered to celebrate the long awaited dream of a new library.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, the Library opened its doors to the public at 11 a.m. as numerous people rushed the entrance to get a first look at the California mission-inspired architecture and its craftsman-styled interior.

Library staff issued nearly 600 new library cards and over 6,000 items were checked out throughout the weekend.

For more information on the Library, including hours of operation, please call 388-5222.



Crowd waits anxiously for library to open.

Camarillo Area Transit Celebrates Ten Years of Service

This year the City proudly commemorates the ten year anniversary of the Camarillo Area Transit (CAT) Dial-A-Ride service first approved by the City Council in 1996. Dial-A-Ride is a full-service, citywide, door-to-door service providing Camarillo citizens with scheduling flexibility and much greater coverage compared to the traditional fixed-route transit service in most cities. CAT service is available Monday through Friday.

When CAT Dial-A-Ride service started operating in 1996, the fleet consisted of two 12 passenger buses and had an average ridership of 1,300 passengers per month. Since then, Dial-A-Ride's monthly ridership has soared to nearly 4,300 passengers per month.

In 1999, the program gained popularity among citizens and in order to meet citizens demands, the City contracted with Taxi Leasing to provide supplemental Dial-A-Ride service.

In 2006 three of the Dial-A-Ride buses were replaced through funding by a federal grant administered by the Ventura County Transportation Commission. The newly acquired buses can carry up to 12 passengers and are ADA compliant.

This year Camarillo Area Transit will be implementing "Trapeze" routing software to maximize rides on its fleet. Trapeze software automatically groups riders and routes them for maximum efficiency. For more information, call the Camarillo Area Transit at 988-4228 or please visit www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/live/transit.html.



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What is Stormwater Pollution Prevention?

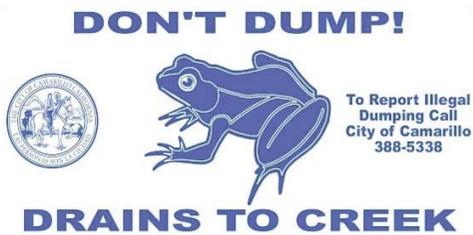
Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution

Stormwater and urban runoff result from rain and other water sources that do not soak into the ground. The runoff flows from rooftops, over paved areas, impervious bare soil and sloped lawns, collecting and transporting pollutants in its path into the local storm drain system. Storm drain pipes transport the runoff and its pollutant load into creeks where it travels—untreated—into the ocean. Some of these harmful pollutants include:

- * Pesticides and fertilizers
- * Automotive fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze)
- * Dirt, sand, silt and construction spoils
- * Pet waste
- * Grass clippings, leaves, and other yard waste
- * Metals
- * Household chemicals such as paint & solvents
- * Litter such as plastic bags, bottles, fast food wrappers and cigarette butts

Preventing Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution

Since stormwater pollution is worsened by everyday activities and a suburban environment, we are all responsible for minimizing its harmful effects. Keep areas around homes and businesses clean and properly dispose of trash in refuse or recycling containers. Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of hosing them down, and never wash debris into the storm drain. Clean up leaks, drips and other spills—especially from automotive fluids immediately and without using water, if possible. Never pour used motor oil or other chemicals into the gutter or storm drain.



Dispose of grass, tree and garden cuttings in the tan yard waste barrel; never blow or wash debris into the gutter, street or storm drain. Don't over water. Much of the water that runs into gutters comes from excessive irrigation. If using pesticides, apply strictly per manufacturer's instructions and never apply before sprinkling or predicted rain.

Take pride and action—simple precautions can protect and preserve our watersheds, streams, and beaches.

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Pool Maintenance

It's that time of the year again when swimming pools are being prepared for summertime fun! Pool owners are urged to be aware of proper pool maintenance procedures and the environmental damage that may result from improperly discharged pool water.

Properly maintained pools should require draining no more than once every ten years. Prior to draining a pool, check the chlorine concentration. If the chlorine does not exceed the 0.1 part per million (ppm) level, it is safe to drain the water into the street, gutter or storm drain system.



Chlorine concentrations that exceed 0.1 ppm must be reduced before the water is safe to drain to the street. Dechlorinate the water using one of the following methods:

- * Do not add additional chlorine for several days then retest water to determine if it is safe to discharge. Repeat as necessary to achieve a safe chlorine level.
- * Add chlorine reducers available from pool supply stores.

Regardless of the method chosen, always discontinue pool use when no chlorine is present. The dechlorinated pool water must not pick up pollutants or cause a public nuisance while draining. City of Camarillo water customers should notify the Water Division at (805) 388-5373 before draining a swimming pool.

Never drain acid washing or other waste water generated by pool cleaning or dispose of pool filter media into the street, gutter or storm drain system. If no harmful chemicals are present, diatomaceous earth filtered waste should be bagged and placed in the *green* trash container.

For information regarding urban runoff pollution, call the City's Stormwater Coordinator at (805) 383-5659.



"The watershed should only shed water"

CityScene TV

The Camarillo Government Channel is now available to subscribers of Verizon's fiber-optic FiOS video programming. If you are a FiOS customer, the government channel can be seen on channel 29. Time Warner Cable customers can continue to watch the government channel on channel 10.

The government channel broadcasts live meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, Pleasant Valley School District Board, and other area agencies. Taped meetings of the County Board of Supervisors and the Oxnard Union High School District Board are also televised. The local show *CityScene TV* (pictured below) can also be seen on the government channel, along with other programming and free advertisements about community events and issues. For more information, or to submit an item for the government channel, please call (805) 388-5349.

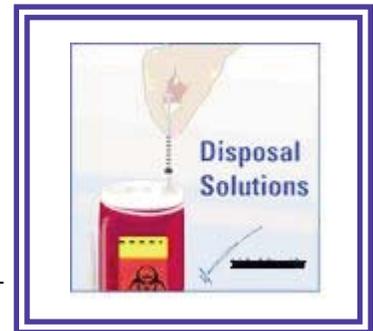


A Safe Solution to Dispose of Your Used Needles

Improper disposal of used "sharps" (needles, syringes, and lancets) can injure children, home healthcare providers, sanitation workers, and pets. Now there is a safe solution!

St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital (SJPVH) has programs for proper disposal of used sharps. SJPVH accepts sharps that are properly placed in disposal containers. Sharps are accepted at the hospital information desk Monday through Sunday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For safety reasons, sharps will not be accepted in liquid detergent bottles, bleach bottles, coffee cans, glass containers, milk jugs or soda bottles. When sharps are turned in, a new container will be provided without charge. Sharps containers are available free at the hospital information desk.



If you would like more information about this program, please call Beverley Taylor at (805) 389-5176.

Free Recycling Services for City of Camarillo Residents

Electronic wastes, such as televisions and monitors must **NOT** be disposed of in your refuse barrel because they, and other electronic wastes, may contain toxic lead, mercury and other hazardous materials. Please recycle the following items at Gold

Coast Recycling:

- > Computers & Peripherals
- > **Monitors****
- > Printers
- > FAX Machines
- > **Televisions****
- > VCRs & DVD Players
- > Stereos
- > AM/FM Radios
- > Cell Phones
- > Other Electronic Items

** **Limit 2 monitors or televisions** per visit

Free recycling for City of Camarillo residents. Please bring a driver's license or utility bill for proof of residency.



Many types of hazardous wastes are recyclable. Please recycle the following items at Gold Coast Recycling. No appointment is necessary. To dispose & recycle other types of household hazardous wastes, call (805) 987-0717 to schedule an appointment.

- * Auto Batteries
- * Used Motor Oil
- * Used Oil Filters
- * Latex (water-based) Paint
- * NiCd Batteries
- * Rechargeable Batteries (non-NiCd)
- * Single Use Batteries
- * Fluorescent Light Tubes

Gold Coast Recycling is also a State certified California Recycling center that pays for all California Redemption value (CRV) beverage containers. Refuse may be disposed at the station for a fee.



Gold Coast Recycling
5275 Colt St., Ventura
(805) 642-9236

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

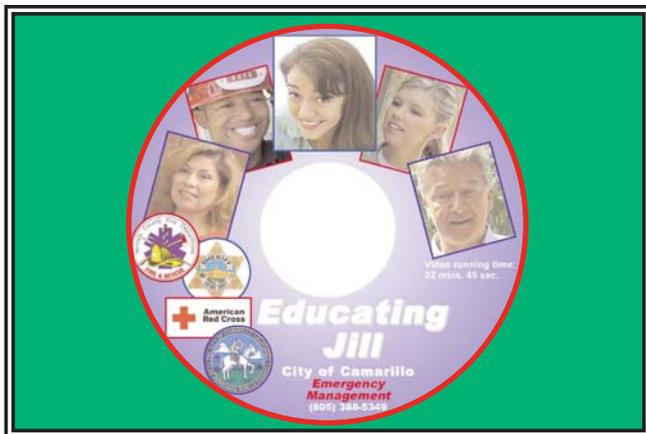
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. No appointment required!

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Are You Prepared?



Nobody likes to think about it...but every home should be prepared for an emergency. Ideally, every household should be self-sufficient for three to five days. Why such a long time? If Camarillo is affected by a significant earthquake, fire, flood or other natural or man-made disaster, emergency response personnel will likely be overwhelmed by the number of calls for help. In such a situation your home may be without water or power for an extended period...would you be prepared for this? If you're unsure, the information is readily available and free. Please visit or call City Hall at (805) 388-5349 for a free packet and/or our free DVD "Educating Jill" on preparing your home for an emergency. You can also visit the Governor's Office of Emergency Services web site at www.oes.ca.gov.



The Urban Coyote

Coyotes may be encountered throughout California, from desert and mountain habitats to urban areas including Camarillo, especially during dry weather. Problems occur when people feed coyotes, either deliberately or inadvertently. Coyotes will quickly lose their natural fear of people and become emboldened.

So, what can you do to protect your family and pets? First, it is important to note that coyotes are generally not aggressive toward humans, and the sighting of a coyote, by itself, does not warrant a call to authorities. Please take the following precautions to protect your family and pets:

- Never leave small children unattended in areas known to be frequented by coyotes, including your yard.
- Keep small pets, such as cats and small dogs, indoors. Don't allow them to run free at any time. They are easy and favored prey.
- Conflicts with coyotes can be reduced by ensuring that they remain cautious of humans. Practice these safety guidelines and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

If you see a coyote behaving aggressively, contact the nearest field office of the California Department of Fish and Game during regular business hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (805) 568-1231. If an encounter or attack occurs after business hours, call the Department of Fish and Game's 24-hour dispatch center at (916) 445-0045. For more information, go to the Ventura County Animal Regulation web site at www.vcar.us and on the left column list of categories click information; wildlife; coyotes.

Summer Concerts in the Park Presented by the Camarillo Arts Council

The Camarillo Arts Council presents another summer season of family concerts/movies in Constitution Park. This summer Saturday night tradition again features many talented performers presenting a varied palette of musical styles.

All events are held at Constitution Park, located at the corner of Carmen Drive and Paseo Camarillo (next to City Hall). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., preceded at 6:45 p.m. by local youth group performances and movies begin at dusk. Events are free of charge; however, the Arts Council appreciates donations. For more information, please call (805) 987-7847 or visit www.camarilloartscouncil.org.



Concert Schedule

June 9	The Wonderelles
June 23	World Classic Rockers
July 7	The Tennessee Three
July 21	Moorpark Symphony Orchestra (Classical)
July 28	Movie-in-the Park (We are Marshall)
August 4	Steve Tyrell
August 18	Gin Blossoms
August 25	Movie-in-the Park (Galaxy Quest)
September 8	Raymond Michael (Tribute to Elvis)



May 2007

- May 3 **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**
11 A.M. TO 1 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
- May 5, 12, 19, 26 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, (805) 482-1507
- May 5 **CAMARILLO KIWANIS**
29TH ANNUAL 5K/10K RACE, REGISTRATIONS START AT 6:30 A.M., EVENTS BEGIN AT 7 A.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER, (805) 389-0347
- May 8 **CAMARILLO COUNCIL ON AGING**
CAMARILLO SENIOR EXPO - A FAIR WITH FALIR!
10:00 A.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER AUDITORIUM, 1605 E. BURNLEY STREET
- May 11, 12 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, (805) 987-0717
- May 16 **CAMARILLO AMBASSADORS BREAKFAST MEETING**
7 a.m., STERLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB, HERB HOLLER, (805) 482-0403
- May 28 **MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED HOLIDAY**
CITY HALL CLOSED

June 2007

- June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
10 A.M. TO 5 P.M., 4101 LAS POSAS ROAD
- June 8, 9 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, (805) 987-0717
- June 12 **CAMARILLO COUNCIL ON AGING**
FIRE AND FALL PREVENTION PRESENTED BY THE VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
10:35 A.M., 1605 E. BURNLEY STREET
- June 14 **FLAG DAY!**
4 P.M., CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, CA
- June 20 **CAMARILLO AMBASSADORS BREAKFAST MEETING**
7 A.M., STERLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB, HERB HOLLER (805) 482-0403

Public Meetings

- May 9, 23
June 13, 27 **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**
5 P.M., CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, CA 93010
- May 1, 15
June 5, 19 **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**
7:30 P.M., CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, CA 93010

For Virtually Any Social Service Need, Dial 211

Do you have a sick child and need to know of a place to go for affordable care? Do you need help finding low-income or temporary housing? Do you need a meal until your social security check arrives? 211 services helps people find the assistance they need.



Referrals include food, shelter, child care, services for persons with disabilities, resources for seniors and their care-givers, alcohol and drug rehabilitation programs, animal services, and much more.

Eleventh Annual "National Night Out"

The eleventh annual "National Night Out" is being sponsored by the Camarillo Police Department on July 28, 2007. This citywide event will unite the citizens of Camarillo and is intended to prevent crime by establishing a firm partnership between law enforcement and the community.

In recent years, the National Night Out festivities in the City of Camarillo have included barbecues and block parties in which neighbors get to know their local law enforcement professionals. During the hours of 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., numerous City and law enforcement officials will visit various parties. The schedule does fill up fast so quick registration with the police department is recommended. The visiting City officials will be accompanied by members of the sheriff's department's specialty teams including K-9, mounted patrol, bike patrol deputies, bomb squad, SWAT, Search and Rescue, Citizen Patrol, and McGruff the Crime Dog. Some of the presentations may include equipment demonstrations.

If you are planning a block party, you must first obtain a permit from the City of Camarillo. For registered parties, the City will supply lighted street barricades to block off the streets and make the parties safer for partygoers. If you do not want to plan an event, but would like to attend a block party, contact Senior Deputy Robert Maclean using the below listed information to find the location of the party nearest your residence.

To register your event with the police department, contact Senior Deputy Robert Maclean at (805) 388-5130 or by email, robert.maclean@ventura.org.

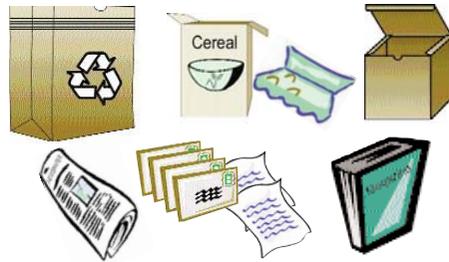
RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING



Recycle the materials (pictured to the right) in your **blue** recycling barrel. Collection is bi-weekly.

For a complete list of recyclable materials, please visit www.ci.camarillo.ca.us or call (805) 388-5392.

Paper & Cardboard



All newspaper, magazines, catalogs, "junk" mail, corrugated cardboard (flattened, cut to 4' by 4'), phone books, cereal-type boxes, cardboard tubes, paper bags, paper egg cartons.

Do **NOT** recycle milk cartons, drink boxes, paper towels, tissue, clothing or rags.



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Telephone Directory

City Manager	388-5307	Abandoned Vehicles	388-5150
Cable TV Cust. Service		Airport Noise Complaints	388-4202
Time Warner:	888-892-2253	Animal Regulation	388-4341
Verizon:	888-553-1555	Camarillo Area Transit (Dial-A-Ride)	988-4228
City Cable TV Representative:	388-5349	Camarillo Library	388-5222
Economic Development:	388-5349	Graffiti Reports	388-5338
Refuse Collection (E.J. Harrison):	647-1414	Fire Department (non-emergency)	389-9710
Recycling & Hazardous Waste:	388-5392	Police Department (non-emergency)	388-5100
City Hazardous Waste Appts.	987-0717	City Website	www.ci.camarillo.ca.us
City Clerk	388-5316	City Email Address	cityhall@ci.camarillo.ca.us
Finance	388-5320	Email Next Chapter Library Fundraising Campaign	nextchapter@ci.camarillo.ca.us
Accounts Payable:	388-5352	City Recycling Program	www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/live/recycling.html
Business Licenses:	388-5330		
Utility Billing Services:	388-5325		
Community Development	388-5360		
Code Enforcement:	383-5660		
Public Works	388-5380		
Streets:	388-5338		
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