

# CityScene

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## 46th Annual Camarillo Christmas Parade



Camarillo Christmas Parade participants prepare to march in the parade.

The Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District (PVRPD) will host the 46th Annual Camarillo Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 8, beginning at 12 noon. The theme this year is "A Christmas of Olympic Proportions."

The band competition, rated in the top 10 in California, is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on the corner of Temple Avenue and Pondersoa Drive. The route is approximately one mile long, and begins at Las Posas Road and Temple Avenue. It travels west on Las Posas Road until it reaches Carmen Drive, then heads south along Carmen Drive to the Camarillo Community Center.

Parade organizers expect more than 100 parade entries including marching bands, beautifully decorated floats, equestrian units, classic cars, fire trucks and, of course the couple of the Season, Santa and Mrs. Claus.

This year's festivities will include the 1st Annual Santa's Village Carnival at the Camarillo Community Center, December 7-9. The village will be open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. This year's event will offer musical entertainment, carnival rides, food booths, arts and crafts vendors, and much more.

For additional information on the Camarillo Christmas Parade or Santa's Village Carnival, please call the PVRPD offices at (805) 482-1996 ext. 18, or visit [www.pvrpd.org](http://www.pvrpd.org).

## Christmas Tree Recycling & Extra Collection Services

Refuse customers can recycle Christmas trees on their regular refuse collection day between December 26 and January 5. Trees need to be cut so they fit inside the tan-colored yard waste barrels to ensure they are recycled.

Customers without yard waste service should cut trees in half and place them either inside or next to their green trash barrels. Trees outside of barrels will be collected as part of the extra trash collected for two weeks after Christmas.



A sad end to a holiday friend.  
Please recycle trees properly.

Residents of Leisure Village, apartments, mobile home parks and condominiums without individual refuse barrels should call their property managers or homeowners' associations for recycling instructions.

All tree ornaments, tinsel, lights, garland, tree stands, metal stakes, nails and plastic "tree removal" bags must be removed before recycling. Flocked and fireproofed trees may not be recycled because the chemicals used on them are toxic to other plants. Discard these treated trees in the green trash barrel.

City refuse customers may have extra trash picked up on collection days between December 26 and January 5. Please limit your extra trash volume added to your green refuse barrel and put your extra trash in bags placed near the barrel.

For additional information, please call the City's Recycling Coordinator at (805) 388-5392.

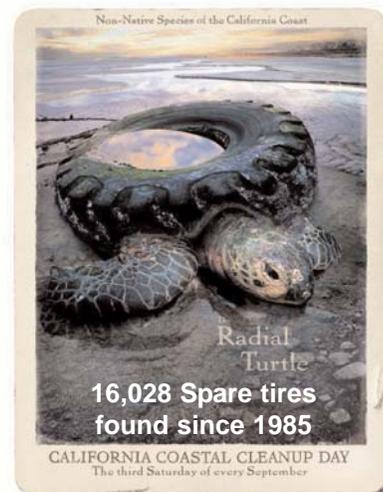
## Thank You 2007 Coastal Cleanup Day Volunteers

This year's 23rd Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day was held on September 15, 2007 in Camarillo. Over 340 volunteers removed 2,025 lbs. of trash and recyclables from two locations. Camarillo's volunteers were part of the statewide event in which preliminary data reports that over 45,000 volunteers removed almost 500,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from California's beaches, shorelines and inland waterways.

We appreciate the effort and time the volunteers expended in helping to make the environment a cleaner and better place to live!

Past Coastal Cleanup Day data tell us that between 60-80% of the debris on our beaches and shorelines comes from inland sources, traveling through storm

drains or creeks out to the beaches and ocean. Rain, or even something as simple as hosing down a sidewalk, can wash cigarette butts, bits of Styrofoam, pesticides, and oil into the storm drains and out to the ocean. The City of Camarillo and the California Coastal Commission continues to request that all residents take responsibility for ensuring trash is disposed of properly—securely in a trash can, recycling bin, or a hazardous waste facility when appropriate.



Another successful Coastal Cleanup Day.

## Good Neighbors Help Protect Our Waterways

The City requests assistance from its residents to help prepare for the upcoming rainy season. It is important that ground slopes are maintained to add ground and drainage facilities, including V-ditches, drain inlets and lines, are kept clear. Property owners who fail to maintain their private slopes or drainage facilities could cause serious water damage to their property and negatively impact downhill neighbors.

Not only can drainage failures damage property, but the sediment and various pollutants that erode from the slopes or that come out of private drains end up in the storm drain system and ultimately into our creeks and ocean without being treated. These pollutants impair water bodies and can be harmful to aquatic life.

In the interest of public safety, the City of Camarillo advises all property owners to take the appropriate steps to stabilize, repair and maintain slopes, ditches and drainage facilities located on their property to prevent erosion and potential flooding. For additional information regarding stormwater pollution and erosion control, or to report any potential stormwater problems, please call the City's Stormwater Coordinator at (805) 383-5659.



V-ditch in need of vegetation removal.

## Save Energy, Save Money



According to the U.S. Department of Energy, heating and cooling account for about 56% of the energy use in a typical U.S. home, making it the

largest energy expense for most homes. A wide variety of technologies are available for heating and cooling your home, and they achieve a wide range of efficiencies in converting their energy sources into useful heat or cool air for your home. When looking for ways to save energy in your home, be sure to think about not only improving your existing heating and cooling system, but also consider the energy efficiency of the supporting equipment and the possibility of either adding supplementary sources of heating or cooling or simply replacing your system altogether. Here are some energy saving tips:

- \* Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators as needed; make sure they're not blocked by furniture, carpeting, or drapes.
- \* Heating can account for almost half of the average family's winter energy bill. Make sure your furnace or heat pump receives professional maintenance each year. Look for the ENERGYSTAR label when replacing your system.

For additional information on how to conserve energy, please log-on to [www.energy.gov/index.htm](http://www.energy.gov/index.htm).

## Participate On A Local Committee

Have you ever considered participating in the decision-making process for some of the City's projects? Involvement in the direction of the community can be very rewarding and you can meet new people along the way. There are openings on the committees listed below. These committees meet monthly or as needed. Some positions require that the applicant complete and file a Statement of Economic Interest form. Please visit [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov) for information regarding the form.



- \* **Citizen Advisory Committee to the Camarillo Redevelopment Project Area (one position)**
- \* **Area Housing Authority of Ventura County (one position)**

Applications are available at City Hall in the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., and on-line at [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us). Applications, along with a current resume, must be submitted to the City Clerk's Department no later than November 16, 2007.

If you would like more information regarding the committees listed above, see [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us) or contact the City Clerk's Office at (805) 388-5353 or via e-mail at [cityclerk@ci.camarillo.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.camarillo.ca.us).

## It's Time To Get Serious About Saving Water

As you might already know, California's water picture is rapidly becoming a serious situation that cannot be ignored. Southern California receives most of its water from three sources: local groundwater, Northern California, and the Colorado River, plus any rainwater that finds its way into natural and man-made lakes and reservoirs.

Due to limited snowfall in the Sierras, there is less snowmelt flowing down the California Aqueduct from Northern California. Many states whose runoff contributes to the Colorado River have experienced drought conditions during the last several years, reducing supplies from the Colorado River. Since this past year was one of the driest on record, California's lakes and storage reservoirs have become critically low.

In an effort to stretch limited water supplies, the City of Camarillo is asking its residents to take a few steps to reduce their use of water by 10%. By doing these simple things, you can save over 20 gallons a day:

- \* Turn off the water while brushing your teeth
- \* Fix that leaky faucet
- \* Cut your shower time by two minutes
- \* By eliminating one irrigation cycle per week and watering before 8 a.m.



It's time to get serious about saving water. For more simple ways to conserve water or learn more about the City's water conservation ordinance, contact the City Water Division at 388-5373 or visit [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com).

## Camarillo Improves Transit System

The Camarillo Area Transit (CAT) provides paratransit services (i.e., bus service to individuals with disabilities and the elderly). The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) recently purchased the Trapeze program of hardware, software and associated communication and tracking equipment to allow CAT staff to communicate with other transit agencies on dispatching and passenger transfers.

Trapeze allows dispatchers to group Dial-A-Ride passengers efficiently by utilizing a Global Positioning System (GPS) that also tracks vehicle locations. Trapeze automatically generates schedules, calculates accurate times of arrivals, incidents, cancellations and no shows instantly. VCTC will provide all services, computers, hardware, software and installation of the Trapeze system in all vehicles to all county transit agencies, including training of drivers, dispatchers and agency personnel. Paratransit services in the county will benefit greatly by sharing a single scheduling and dispatch system where service providers can easily exchange passenger and vehicle location information.

## Library Café Coming Soon!

“See you at the Camarillo Library Café” will soon become a familiar phrase in the City when the café opens its doors early December 2007.

The café will be located in the lower level near the library entrance, 4101 Las Posas Road, and will serve a variety of coffee blends, soft drinks, teas, and light refreshments.

The café will provide a meaningful complement to the busy work activity, the quiet concentration, or just simply the enrichment and ambiance of the library environment.



Camarillo library café coming soon!

## FEMA DIGITAL FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS!

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been in the process of updating floodplain maps. These maps go by the name of Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRM) and show the extent and depth of potential flood hazard areas in the City. FEMA issued preliminary DFIRMs in September 2005. As part of the FEMA process the City held a public meeting on February 8, 2006. The public was advised that mortgage lenders may require flood insurance for properties affected by the revised floodplain maps beginning as early as fall 2006. In order to allow more time to improve accuracy of the maps, the City filed an appeal with FEMA. The City's appeal was successful! FEMA delayed the effective date of the new maps.

The City continues to work closely with FEMA to resolve further dilemmas raised in the appeal, and to confirm when the new maps will be adopted. So far, the City knows the maps won't become effective before spring 2008. The City will continue providing updates as new information becomes available. Updates will be made available on the Camarillo newsletter and the City's web site.

What does all this mean? The DFIRM maps are still preliminary and have not become effective. It also means your current flood zone has not changed; however, please check with either your lender or insurance carrier to determine whether or not they will be requiring flood insurance for your area at this time. They should not be using these preliminary maps to calculate your flood insurance rates. However, some properties have flood risk and you may want to purchase insurance even if it is not required by your lender.

For more additional information, please call the Department of Public Works at (805) 388-5340 or visit our web site at [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us).



Street flooded by high waters from heavy rain fall.



## Candlelight Gala Returns To Camarillo Ranch House

### November 2007

- November 3, 10, 17, 24 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**  
8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- November 6 **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK LUNCHEON**  
11 A.M., STERLING HILLS GOLF CLUB, RSVP  
484-4383
- November 9, 10 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717
- November 30 **7TH ANNUAL CAMARILLO RANCH HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT GALA**  
6 P.M. - 10 P.M. CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE,  
FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CALL 389-8182

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DAYS:  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AND THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

### December 2007

- December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**  
8 A.M. TO NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- December 2 **MEADOWLARK SERVICE LEAGUE 29TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS**  
1 P.M. TO 5 P.M., VICKY VERMAN, 388-5436
- December 7 **CAMARILLO WOMEN'S CLUB**  
11 A.M., STERLING HILLS GOLF CLUB, 482-6961
- December 8 **CAMARILLO CHRISTMAS PARADE (A CHRISTMAS OF OLYMPIC PROPORTIONS)**  
12 P.M., LAS POSAS RD., 482-1996 EXT. 18
- December 14, 15 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:  
Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25**

### Public Meetings

- Nov 14, 28  
Dec 5, 12 **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
5 P.M., CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, CA 93010
- Nov 6, 20  
Dec 4, 18 **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**  
7:30 P.M., CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, CA 93010

The Seventh Annual Camarillo Ranch Holiday Candlelight Gala, featuring fine food in a beautiful setting, returns to the historic Camarillo House Friday, November 30, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.



Camarillo Ranch House

This magical evening will begin with guests stepping back in time as they walk past the historic 1905 Mule Barn, decorated for the holidays.

Visitors will continue through a colorful arched entry, touring the beautifully lit and decorated gardens en route to the grand entrance of the Queen Anne Victorian building which once was the home of Adolfo and Isabella Camarillo.

The Gala will feature sumptuous food, live music by "The Loft," silent auctions, special exhibits, and tours of the Camarillo House.

This is the Camarillo Ranch Foundation's major fundraising event of the year and all proceeds will benefit the work of the Foundation in preserving, restoring and operating the Camarillo House and Ranch. Dress will be cocktail attire or period dress, with black tie optional.

Tickets are \$75 per person in advance by reservation through Sunday, November 25, and \$85 at the gate. Tables of ten may be reserved in advance for \$850. Don't forget to stop by the gift shop to pick up your 2008 Calendar for \$15.

For additional information, or to purchase tickets, call the Camarillo Ranch office at (805) 389-8182.

## Next Chapter Library Fundraising Campaign

The Next Chapter Library fundraising campaign is still in full swing, if you have not made a contribution and would like to do so, you can create a legacy by making a tax deductible gift payable to the "City of Camarillo Library Fund" – to help add to the new library collection.

To learn more about how to make a donation or how to obtain a donation form, please visit the City's web site at [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us) or call the City Manager's Office at (805) 388-5307.

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Time Warner:	888-892-2253	<b>Animal Regulation</b>	<b>388-4341</b>
Verizon:	888-553-1555	<b>Building &amp; Safety</b>	<b>388-5395</b>
City Cable TV Representative:	388-5349	<b>Camarillo Area Transit (Dial-A-Ride)</b>	<b>988-4228</b>
Economic Development:	388-5349	<b>Camarillo Library</b>	<b>388-5222</b>
Refuse Collection (E.J. Harrison):	647-1414	<b>Graffiti Reports</b>	<b>388-5338</b>
Recycling & Hazardous Waste:	388-5392	<b>Fire Department (non-emergency)</b>	<b>389-9710</b>
City Hazardous Waste Appts.	987-0717	<b>Police Department (non-emergency)</b>	<b>388-5100</b>
<b>City Clerk</b>	<b>388-5316</b>	<b>City web site</b>	
<b>Finance</b>	<b>388-5320</b>	<a href="http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us">www.ci.camarillo.ca.us</a>	
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<b>Community Development</b>	<b>388-5360</b>	<a href="http://www.vencolibrary.org">www.vencolibrary.org</a>	
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