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Twelfth Annual National Night Out

The twelfth annual "National Night Out" is being sponsored by the Camarillo Police Department on July 26, 2008. This citywide event will unite the citizens of Camarillo and it 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 block parties and barbecues in which neighbors get to know their local law enforcement professionals. Between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., numerous City and law enforcement officials will visit various parties. The schedule fills up fast so early registration with the police department is recommended. The visiting City officials will be accompanied by members of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department's specialty teams including K-9, mounted patrol, bike patrol deputies, bomb squad, SWAT, Search and Rescue, Citizen Patrol, McGruff the Crime Dog and may include equipment demonstrations.



Camarillo citizens enjoying "National Night Out" with McGruff the Crime Dog.



Camarillo citizens enjoying "National Night Out" with Camarillo Police Officer.

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 areas safe for partygoers. If you do not want to plan an event, but would like to attend a block party, contact Senior Deputy Robert Maclean at the telephone number shown below to find the location of the party closest to your residence.

To register your event with the Police Department, please contact Senior Deputy Robert Maclean at (805) 388-5130.

Wireless Cell Phone Law

Effective July 1, 2008, Senate Bill 1613 legislation prohibits drivers from using a wireless cell phone while operating a motor vehicle, unless the phone is specifically designed and configured to allow hands-free operation and is used in that manner. Drivers who violate the law will face a base fine of \$20 for the first offense and \$50 for each subsequent offense. The law will require drivers to use hands-free devices to better ensure that they have two hands free to place on the wheel while driving.

The law allows drivers to use a wireless telephone for emergency purposes without a hands free device. Drivers of commercial vehicles may use push-to-talk phones until July 1, 2011, and drivers of emergency response vehicles may use a cell phone without a hands-free device.

Camarillo Government Channel

Whether you are a Time Warner Cable, or a Verizon FiOS customer, you have access to the Camarillo Government Channel; it's channel 10 on Time Warner Cable, and Channel 29 on FiOS.

In addition to continuous free advertisements of community events, 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 Oxnard Union High School District Board are also shown on the channel, as well as the local talk show CityScene TV.

For information about video programming in Camarillo, please call (805) 388-5349. To submit an advertisement for the government channel, please e-mail your information and any photos or graphics to jfraser@ci.camarillo.ca.us.



Rare Blends Café at Camarillo Library

Location: 4101 Las Posas Road



Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Featuring: *Sandwiches, Salads, Pastries, Roastery and Retail Coffees, Gourmet*

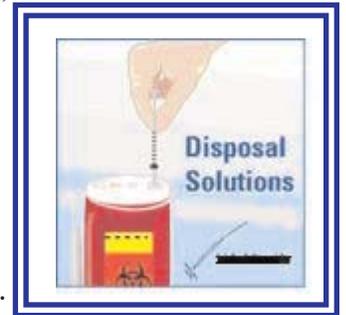
Espressos, Blended Lattes, Loose Leaf and Retail Teas

Indoor and Outdoor Seating and WiFi.

Proper Disposal of 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 for free at the hospital information desk.

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

TOOLS FOR BUSINESS SUCCESS



YOUR NEW AND FREE SOURCE FOR:

- ▶ *Business Planning and Formation*
- ▶ *Government Regulations*
- ▶ *Funding*
- ▶ *Local Vendors*
- ▶ *And much more!*

English and Spanish



WHERE ARE THE TOOLS FOUND?

Go to the City of Camarillo Web site: www.ci.camarillo.ca.us, and click on to *Business*, and then to *Tools for Business Success*.

If you have any questions, please call (805) 388-5349.

GREAT RESOURCE!

Notice of Committee Vacancies

Have you ever considered participating in the decision-making process for some of the City's projects? Community involvement can be very rewarding and you will network with new people in the process. There are openings on the committees listed below. These committees meet either monthly or as needed. Some positions must complete and file a Statement of Economic Interest form. Please visit www.fppc.ca.gov for information regarding the form.

- * **Area Housing Authority Ventura County (one position)**
- * **Rent Review Commission Multi-Family Owner Alternate (one position)**
- * **Rent Review Commission Multi-Family Tenant Alternate (one position)**

If you are interested, applications are available at City Hall in the City Clerk's Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and online at www.ci.camarillo.ca.us. Applications, along with a current resume, must be submitted to the City Clerk's Department no later than May 23, 2008.

For more information regarding the committees listed above, see 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.

Camarillo Library Story Times and Happenings

- * **Time for Twos: Mondays, May 5 - June 9 @ 10 a.m.**
- * **Preschoolers : Tuesdays & Wednesdays, May 6 - June 1 @ 10 a.m.**
- * **Lizards, Snakes and Turtles: Saturday, May 10 @ 10 a.m.**
- * **Family story times: Tuesdays @ 7 p.m.**
- * **Summer reading programs begin June 15 through August.**

- * **Moving Story Artists: Wednesday, June 18 @ 10 a.m.**
- * **Juggler Extraordinaire: Wednesday, June 25 @ 10 a.m.**
- * **Summer story times Wednesdays, June 25 - August 13 @ 10 a.m.**
- * **Jim Cogan, storyteller: Sunday, June 29 @ 2 p.m.**

For additional information, please call the Camarillo Library at (805) 388-5222 or visit www.vencolibrary.org.

City of Camarillo Graffiti Task Force

Graffiti is an act of destructive vandalism! It hurts communities both aesthetically and economically, decreases the feeling of safety, drains tax dollars, and sends a message that nobody cares. In response to combat graffiti, the City started a Graffiti Task Force in October 2004 to control the spread of graffiti, to identify taggers, and by police action, to deter these illegal acts.

The City is asking for the assistance from residents, businesses, and visitors to report graffiti. Anyone witnessing a tagging act will be asked to note and report vital information such as the description of the taggers, vehicle information and if possible, license plate numbers. However, under no circumstances should you directly confront taggers. They can be very dangerous, and are often armed with weapons. Be safe, but observant! The City of Camarillo strives to have all graffiti removed within 48 hours. Please call (805) 388-5338 to report graffiti. All information is confidential.



Building and Safety Week

This year is particularly meaningful to California code enforcement officials, as California has just completed an aggressive adoption of a new series of building, fire, plumbing, mechanical and electrical codes, enforceable as of the first of this year. The State of California and the City of Camarillo will now follow the safety provisions of a new and improved generation of construction codes, which will improve public safety, health and the welfare of Camarillo citizens.



In an effort to increase public awareness and promote the understanding and importance of building safety, the Camarillo Building and Safety Division will join California Building Officials and local California local jurisdictions in the California Building Safety Week, May 4-10, 2008. Please feel free to stop by the Building and Safety Division for giveaways.

For additional information related to building and safety, please call (805) 388-5395.

"Las Personas Son La Ciudad"

Prevent Teenage Drug Use

To help parents in their ongoing battle to stay on top of possible teenage drug use, the Camarillo Health Care District and Camarillo Police Department are now offering affordable and simple to use drug test kits. The ten panel drug test kit can be used to test for methamphetamine, methadone, marijuana, cocaine, PCP (Phencyclidine), oxycotin, heroin, codeine, morphine, and many prescription drugs.



The kits are available at the Camarillo Police Department and the Camarillo Health Care District at \$8.00 per test. The kit includes an information packet that identifies various drugs and what to do if your child tests positive.

Senior Deputy Julie Novak of the Camarillo Police Department wants parents to know that there are options if their child fails a drug test. One is a free class taught by the police department called the "Parent Project." This 10-week course offers parents information on how to deal with teenage children and drugs. For further resources on how to deal with a positive drug test, please call the Police Youth Services Coordinator at (805) 388-5131.

City Council Recognizes Explorers



City Council recognizes Explorers and their Advisors at a City Council Meeting.

During the weekend of January 18-20, 2008, the Camarillo Police Department Explorer Post #2932 participated in a national law enforcement tactical competition. Hosted by Chandler, Arizona, Police Department, the Explorer's returned to Camarillo with a first place and fourth place trophy.

During the competition, 16 Explorers competed against approximately 60 other Explorer posts, totaling over 900 Explorers from across the nation, including Las Vegas Metro and the Los Angeles Police Department.

The City Council recognized the Explorers and their Advisors at the February 13 City Council meeting. Mayor Charlotte Craven and Commander Steve Decesarri awarded certificates to each member of the Post, and acknowledged the accomplishments that were achieved.

If you are interested in joining the Explorer Post, please contact Senior Deputy Julie Novak at (805) 388-5131.

How Does Your Garden Grow?



Residential fertilizers and pesticides, when used improperly or in excess are harmful watershed pollutants. When fertilizers enter our watershed, they upset the biological balance by creating an over-abundance of vegetation. You can help by remembering a few simple rules..

- * APPLY pesticides and fertilizers only as needed and as directed on the label, and store under cover, out of the rain. Better yet, visit a nursery for less toxic options.
- * NEVER apply pesticides before watering or rain.

- * Pesticides that contain diazinon or chlorpyrifos have been banned and should be disposed of at your local Household Hazardous Waste Facility (in Camarillo call 987-0717).
- * Save water and money by automating your sprinkler system. Irrigate after dusk or early in the day when less water is lost to wind and evaporation. Perform regular maintenance to minimize runoff that can carry preventable pollutants into the storm drain.

For more information on preventing urban runoff pollution, contact the City of Camarillo at (805) 383-5659.



The birds, fish and plant life that depend on the watershed, depend on all of us to keep it pure.



May 2008

- May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- May 3 **26TH ANNUAL CAMARILLO MOTHER OF THE YEAR AWARD CEREMONY**
11 A.M.- 1 P.M., LAS POSAS PLAZA, RHONDA ROACH, 469-9664
- May 3 **SUMMER SAFETY KICK-OFF PLEASANT VALLEY AQUATIC CENTER & PARK**
12 P.M.-3 P.M., 1030 TEMPLE AVE., CAMARILLO, 482-1996 EXT. 14
- May 4 **CAMARILLO HOSPICE GARDEN TOUR**
12 P.M.- 4 P.M., VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN CAMARILLO, 389-6870.
- May 6 **ACTIVE SENIOR EXPO**
9:30 P.M.- 1 P.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER, 1605 BURNLEY STREET, 482-4881.
- May 9, 10 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED, MONDAY, MAY 26
IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**

June 2008

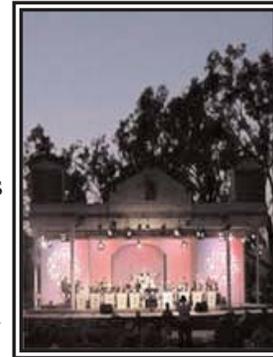
- June 7 **CONCERT IN THE PARK SUSIE HANSEN LATIN BAND (LATIN JAZZ & SALSA)**
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK, 601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
- June 7, 14, 21, 28 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- June 13, 14 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717
- June 21 **CONCERT IN THE PARK EDDIE MONEY (ROCK LEGEND & SONG WRITER)**
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK, 601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
- June 28 **MOVIE IN THE PARK BEE MOVIE (ANIMATED FILM WITH JERRY SEINFELD)**
8 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK, 601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847

Public Meetings

- May 14, 28 **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**
June 11, 25 5 P.M., CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, CA 93010
- May 6, 20 **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**
June 3, 17 7:30 P.M., CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, CA 93010

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.



Summer Concert in the Park

All events are held at Constitution Park, located at the corner of Carmen Drive and Paseo Camarillo (adjacent 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.

Springtime is Start of Snake Season

Warm weather signals the beginning of spring in Ventura County and, along with spring, the warm weather brings snakes out.



Ventura County Fire Department

Ventura County is home to a variety of snakes, from the non-venomous gopher, king and garter snakes to the poisonous rattlesnake. If you're going to be enjoying the county's hiking trails, or simply working in your backyard, it's a good idea to know what to do if you see a snake.

Avoid picking up any snake, even non-venomous snakes can bite. Most snakes will leave on their own if you leave them alone. If you see a snake, stay away and watch it. Keep your pets away, too! If a snake doesn't leave your property and you're not sure what kind it is, call the Fire Department at (805) 389-9710 to remove it. The Fire Department will relocate the snake to a safe, natural area.

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Telephone Directory

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Cable TV Cust. Service		Airport Noise Complaints	388-4202
Time Warner:	888-892-2253	Animal Regulation	388-4341
Verizon:	888-553-1555	Building & Safety	388-5395
City Cable TV Representative:	388-5349	Camarillo Area Transit (<i>Dial-A-Ride</i>)	988-4228
Economic Development:	388-5349	Camarillo Library	388-5222
Refuse Collection (E.J. Harrison):	647-1414	Graffiti Reports	388-5338
Recycling & Hazardous Waste:	388-5392	Fire Department (<i>non-emergency</i>)	389-9710
City Hazardous Waste Appts.	987-0717	Police Department (<i>non-emergency</i>)	388-5100
City Clerk	388-5316	City Web site	
Finance	388-5320	www.ci.camarillo.ca.us	
Accounts Payable:	388-5352	City e-mail Address	
Business Licenses:	388-5330	cityhall@ci.camarillo.ca.us	
Utility/Customer Service:	388-5325	Camarillo Library	
Community Development	388-5360	www.vencolibrary.org	
Code Enforcement:	383-5660		
Public Works	388-5380		
Streets:	388-5338		
Water:	388-5373		
Engineering:	388-5340		
Traffic:	388-5340		
Sanitation:	388-5332		