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Friday, July 11
Saturday, July 12
Sunday, July 13

2008 CAMARILLO

Fiesta & Street Fair

Old Town Camarillo - Along Ventura Boulevard
Carnival and Live Entertainment



The annual Camarillo Fiesta and Street Fair returns to Old Town Camarillo July 11-13. The multi-day festival will feature a carnival, food booths, craft vendors, car show, wine and beer garden and free entertainment for all ages. As a special attraction, the carnival will be open for the 18 and under age group from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, with all rides priced at 50 cents. The main festivities will begin on July 11, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Fiesta goers are encouraged to dance or listen the evening away to the Caught Red Handed and Ronnie and the Classics at Dizdar Park, 20 South Glenn Drive.

Don't forget about the Street Fair, carnival and live entertainment featuring local favorites Dakota, Acadiana, Rob Rio and the Soul City Survivors on Saturday, July 12, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and July 13, from noon to 7 p.m. Ventura Boulevard will be closed to traffic from Oak Street to Glenn Drive, and the Arneill Road bridge southbound lanes will be closed to traffic July 12-13, as the street fair gets into full swing. Free shuttle service will operate on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, including a full entertainment lineup, please visit www.camarillofiesta.com.

Fireworks & Fun Day Camarillo High School Stadium



Gates open at 3 p.m. Fireworks at 9 p.m.

Free Shuttle service starting at 3 p.m.
For more information, please call (805) 388-5307.

Admission
Adults.....\$2
Kids under 12....\$1
Kids under 4.....Free

Tickets are now available at City Hall, the Recreation & Park District office, and at the high school stadium on July 4. Proceeds from admission ticket sales will support Camarillo High boosters and clubs.

The Perfect Drought



Conserve water.

Officials of water agencies, not just in California but throughout the southwestern United States, are taking notice of the confluence of events that are creating what is being coined "The Perfect Drought." A record-low snowpack in the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range and an eight-year drought in the Colorado River Basin are contributors to our current situation.

A majority of California's water comes from the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range snowmelt. Last year California received some of the lowest snowpack on record. As of March 25, the snowpack has reached average. However, in times of trouble, average often isn't enough.

The Colorado River is in the midst of an eight-year drought, the longest dry spell in 100 years. Both Lake Mead and Lake Powell are at 50 percent capacity, which is the lowest level since their construction. On top of that, California is no longer able to use the unused water allotment from Nevada and Arizona because they are both using 100% of their allocation from the river.

Last year was one of the driest years on record for much of California. A good portion of California's rainfall flows to water reservoirs throughout the state and is used during the summer months. Due to a lack of rainfall, most California lakes are being drawn down faster than they can be refilled. If you throw in the closely monitored climate changes that are tied to global warming with all the other factors that have aligned themselves, you have "The Perfect Drought."

It is important for all of us to recognize what is happening with our water resources. A shortage of water impacts everyone. We need to be cognizant of water usage to make our supplies last.

Landscape irrigation is the single largest reason for water consumption in a residential setting. By simply not watering your lawn until it shows signs of drought stress, you can achieve a phenomenal savings on your water bill. Your lawn is under drought stress when the blades of grass lose their sheen, turn to a dull grayish-green, and when you walk across it, you can look back and see your footsteps.

To reduce the demand on our limited supplies, the City is striving to achieve a 10 percent reduction in water use. The City asks that you be cognizant of your water usage.

"Las Personas Son La Ciudad"

3rd Annual Art & Jazz Festival



Dave Koz



Royal Crown Revue

Saturday, September 13, 2008

All Day Art & Jazz

This day-long event is free to the public and features local and professional artists along with a range of musical guests.

Also included is a juried art show on the sidewalks along Camarillo's Historical Old Town District.

Music performances will be highlighted on two outdoor stages throughout the day. Terrific jazz music, from swing to Latin jazz to smooth jazz will be presented. There will also be a local battle of the bands which will conclude with the victorious band opening later that evening for headliner Dave Koz.

Time: 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. - VIP Tent

Time: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Old Town

Evening Under the Stars

The conclusion of the day's activities will bring us to the evening's featured ticketed **Evening Under the Stars Concert and Art Display** located at Pleasant Valley Instructional Center, 2222 E. Ventura Blvd.

Guests will be immersed in a spectacular convergence of art and music. The evening will begin with a private VIP reception and will continue with artists' exhibits and live music from the stage, and conclude with Dave Koz and Friends.

4 p.m. - Gates Open

4:30 p.m. - VIP Reception Begins

5:15 p.m. - Battle of the Jazz Band Winner

6:15 p.m. - Royal Crown Revue

8:15 p.m. - Dave Koz & Friends

For further information or to order tickets, contact the Camarillo Chamber of Commerce at (805) 484-4383.

www.camarilloartandjazz.com

Camarillo Library Happenings

The Camarillo Library will be hosting various programs this summer including story times for children, free computer classes and much more.

To learn more about what's happening at the Camarillo Library, please visit the Camarillo Library Web site at www.vencolibrary.org or call (805) 388-5222.

Residential Refuse Rate Increase



Weekly refuse service.

After a May 28, 2008 public hearing to consider E.J. Harrison & Sons proposed residential refuse rate increase, the Camarillo City Council confirmed the rate increase for single-family homes and multi-family units of four or less in order to pay for the increase in landfill tipping fees and the cost of living. The 2.8 percent rate increase

will become effective July 1, 2008 and will be prorated on your August 2008 bill. For example, the monthly fee will change by \$0.70 (from \$25.31 to \$26.01) for standard service pick-up per week for one 101-gallon green refuse barrel, one 101-gallon tan yard debris barrel, and one 96-gallon blue recycle barrel.

The increased residential refuse rates are shown below. For additional information, call the City's Customer Services Division at (805) 388-5325.

Service Levels	Old Rate (monthly)	New Rate (monthly)
Minimum Service	\$22.02	\$22.63
Standard Service	\$25.31	\$26.01
High-Volume Service	\$31.77	\$32.65

Dumpsters for Large Cleanups

Camarillo residents may rent dumpsters from E.J. Harrison & Sons, the City's franchised refuse and recycling service provider. The cost for a three cubic yard dumpster is \$80 per dump. A \$2 per day rental charge is applicable beginning on the eighth day.



Harrison roll-off bin service.

E.J. Harrison & Sons also rents 40 cubic yard roll-off bins to assist residents with big cleanup or construction projects. Roll-off bins are subject to a one-time deposit of \$275, which may be used to pay fees including a \$40.23 delivery charge, dump fee of \$124.42 plus the tonnage fee charged at the transfer station each time the roll-off is dumped. A \$3 per day rental charge is applicable beginning on the fourth day. Please note that the aforementioned dump fee is effective July 1, 2008.

Residents may keep dumpsters and roll-offs on the street adjoining their property for 30 days or while a construction permit is in effect. Bin rental companies other than E.J. Harrison & Sons are not permitted to operate within residential areas of Camarillo.

Please call E.J. Harrison & Sons at (805) 647-1414 to rent dumpsters or roll-off bins.

Fireworks Safety Tips

Fireworks are illegal in the City of Camarillo and the unincorporated areas of Ventura County. Use or possession of fireworks may result in a fine and or jail time (Ventura County Fire Protection District Ordinance 25 & Uniform Fire Code Section 7802). The Fire District endorses public demonstrations of fireworks as the safest method to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday.

Fireworks can contribute to the threat of wildfires and structure fires. Volatile fuels coupled with an ignition source, such as illegal use of fireworks, can create a dangerous and destructive fire condition. Fire suppression costs and property damage costs resulting from the use of fireworks can be levied upon those responsible.

Ventura County Fire Prevention Officers, Fire Cause Investigators, Law Enforcement personnel and local Citizen Patrols will be patrolling the City of Camarillo and county areas during the Fourth of July holiday week enforcing the fireworks ordinance.

For more information, please contact Ventura County Fire Department (805) 389-9710.



Be Safe and Remember:

- * Fireworks are illegal in areas served by the Ventura County Fire Department.
- * Best to attend a professional fireworks display.
- * Never give fireworks to children.
- * Teach children that fireworks are explosive devices.
- * Remember to STOP, DROP & ROLL if your clothes catch on fire.

2008 Coastal Cleanup Day

Save the Date!

California Coastal/Inland Waterways Cleanup Day
Saturday, September 20, 2008, 9 a.m. to noon
(Always the 3rd Saturday each September)

During last year's Cleanup, 2,300 volunteers removed over 13,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from 47 miles of Ventura County beaches and inland waterways. In Camarillo, 344 volunteers collected 2,025 pounds of debris from the barranca off Mission Oaks Park and Calleguas Creek.



Calleguas Creek

In addition to collecting trash from waterways and beaches, volunteers also collect data during the cleanup, providing important clues as to the nature and source of the trash. Data collection from past cleanups have shown that over 60 percent of the trash collected on Coastal Cleanup Day probably originated from an inland source such as a city, a storm drain, or another non-coastal location, and was washed onto the beach through a creek or river. Cleaning inland sites helps to stop trash where it starts, before it hits our coast and ocean. For more information or to volunteer for Coastal Cleanup Day, call the Stormwater Division at (805) 388-5338.

No Drugs Down the Drain!

Once upon a time it was common practice to dispose of unwanted or expired medication by flushing it down the drain. The California Pharmacists Association and California Poison Control System reports that this was the recommended disposal methodology as directed by doctors and pharmacists. Fortunately, we have learned from our mistakes.

Substances released this way can pollute our environment including the soil, water, and air around us.

So, what should you do?

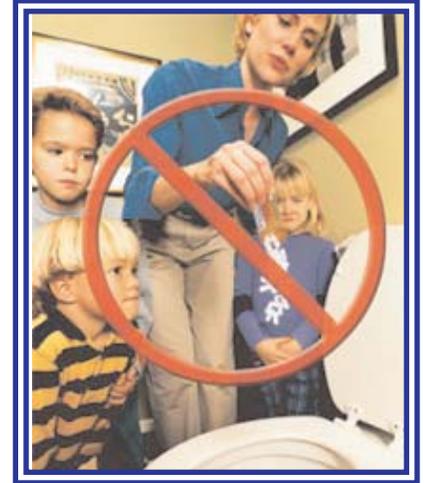
Take your unwanted or expired medications to the City's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off event which takes place the second Friday and Saturday of every month.

No controlled substances

accepted. Please keep your medication in its original securely sealed container or use a Ziploc®. For privacy purposes, please cross out any personal information, but keep specific information about drug legible.

HHW drop off is by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call (805) 987-0717 or online at www.ci.camarillo.ca.us.

For information on how to properly dispose of controlled substances, please call the City's Recycling Coordinator at (805) 388-5392.



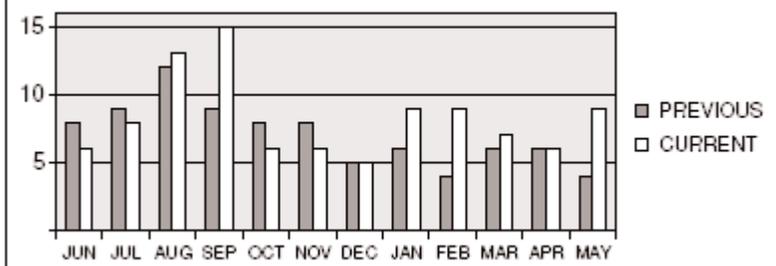
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New Feature Added to City Water Bill

A new feature has been added to your City of Camarillo water bill. The depicted graph, to the right, is a depiction of your historical consumption. The graph provides a two-year history or less depending on when you started service. It also illustrates your monthly water usage so you can track your water use from billing period to billing period and your seasonal use from year to year.

Water charges are based on consumption in increments of 100 cubic feet (HCF) of water or one billing unit; one unit equals 748 gallons of water. The City hopes that you will find this feature helpful in assisting you to conserve water. If you have any questions, please call Customer Service at (805) 388-5325.

Water Consumption in hundred cubic feet (HCF units) for last 24 months.





July 2008

- 5, 12, 19, 26 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- 3, 10, 17, 14, 31 **CAMARILLO COMMUNITY BAND CONCERTS**
7 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK, 484-8050
- 5 **CONCERT IN THE PARK- SUPER DIAMOND (NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE)**
7:30 P.M.TO 9 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK, 987-7847
- 11, 12, 13 **CAMARILLO FIESTA & STREET FAIR**
OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 676-4840
- 11, 12 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717
- 19 **MOORPARK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (CLASSICAL/POP)**
7 P.M.TO 9 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK, 987-7847
- 26 **MOVIE-IN-THE-PARK (HAIRSPRAY - 2007)**
8 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK, 987-7847
- 26, 27 **MEADOWLARK SERVICE LEAGUE "A TASTE OF CAMARILLO" WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL**
SATURDAY 5 P.M. TO 9 P.M. & SUNDAY 1 P.M.TO 4 P.M., ADOLFO CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE, 388-7158

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED, FRIDAY, JULY 4
IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.**

August 2008

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- 8, 9 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717
- 9 **CONCERT IN THE PARK - CAUGHT RED HANDED (COUNTRY MUSIC)**
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK, 987-7847
- 23 **CONCERT IN THE PARK - KAHUNA BEACH PARTY BEACH BOYS & SURF MUSIC TRIBUTE**
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK, 987-7847

September 2008

- 6, 13, 20, 27 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- 6 **CONCERT IN THE PARK - RAYMOND MICHAEL (A TRIBUTE TO ELVIS)**
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK, 987-7847
- 12, 13 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717
- 12,13 **E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENT - 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.**
1605 BURNLEY STREET - CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER

19th Annual Citizen Academy

The Camarillo Police Department is offering its 19th Citizens Academy starting September 9. This twelve-week course is designed to give citizens an overview of the Police Department's mission and operational procedures. The Citizens Academy is free, and requires a commitment of three hours each Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

There will be presentations by a superior court judge, K-9 officer, S.W.A.T. team members, bomb squad, narcotics officers, and many others. Participants will have the opportunity to meet Camarillo's station commander, and get a comprehensive tour of the police station. There will be field trips to the Pre-Trial Detention Facility (main jail), juvenile hall, Sheriff's dispatch and crime lab (CSI), Sheriff's Training Academy, and the heliport. Participants will also have the opportunity to go on a ride-along with a patrol deputy.

If you are interested in attending the Citizens Academy, you can obtain an application at the Camarillo Police Department, 3701 E. Las Posas Road. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, live or work in the Camarillo area, and have no felony or misdemeanor convictions within one year of applying. For more information, please contact Senior Deputy Robert Maclean at (805) 388-5130.

Poll Workers Needed!

The County of Ventura needs You!
It is Patriotic.
It is Educational.
It is an opportunity to meet your neighbors.
It is fun!
Contact the Ventura County Elections Division at (805) 654-2785 to find out how you, your high school senior, or your community service organization can serve.

2-Day CERT Training Offered

On July 25-26 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will be offered in an accelerated class format. A two-day CERT course will be held during the Ventura County Department of Public Health "Operation Sunrise" emergency exercise at Cal State Channel Islands. CERT training is generally taught in a weekly class format over a period of seven weeks. This is a good opportunity for those who do not have time for a traditional curriculum. For more information or to enroll, please call John Fraser at (805) 388-5349.





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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 (Dial-A-Ride)	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 (non-emergency)	389-9710
City Hazardous Waste Appts.	987-0717	Police Department (non-emergency)	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 Web site	
Community Development	388-5360	www.vencolibrary.org	
Code Enforcement:	383-5660		
Public Works	388-5380		
Streets:	388-5338		
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Engineering:	388-5340		
Traffic:	388-5340		
Sanitation:	388-5332		