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Update on the Upland Road and Las Posas Road Construction Projects

Two construction projects that signify the last in a long series of road improvements to Upland Road and Las Posas Road will begin soon. Upland Road and Las Posas Road join to form a nearly eight mile corridor connecting the east and west ends of Camarillo. Over the span of several decades, Upland and Las Posas Roads have been widened, had new traffic signals and street lights installed, and had landscaped medians and parkways added. A vision that was captured in planning documents years earlier will conclude with a project on Upland Road by the City, and one on Las Posas Road by Chelsea Property Group.

The City-funded project will widen the current two-lane section of Upland Road, joining the four-lane roadway sections east and west of the project limits. Construction is planned to begin at the end of August and is projected to last about ten months. The project is located between Worth Way and Paseo Noche, with most of the work taking place on the north portion of Upland where the frontage roads are presently located. Traffic control for the project will be phased and includes a temporary four-way stop at the intersection of Mission Oaks Blvd and Upland Road where a new traffic signal is planned.

Chelsea Property Group, who owns the Premium Outlet Center, is constructing a new shopping center at the southeast corner of

Las Posas Road and Ventura Boulevard called the Camarillo Promenade. The center is due to open in the spring of 2009. As the center is being constructed, Chelsea will also be widening Las Posas Road to include additional northbound lanes and a raised center median. The improvements will extend from Ventura Boulevard southerly to Camarillo Center Drive. Road construction will begin this fall and will occur in phases to minimize lane closures and disruption to traffic.



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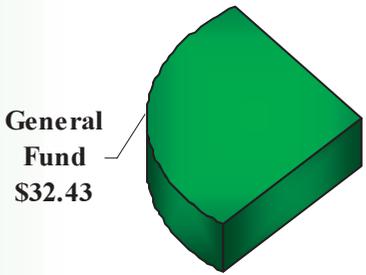
COUNCIL ADOPTS FISCAL YEAR 2008/09 BUDGET

All Funds - \$112.50 Million

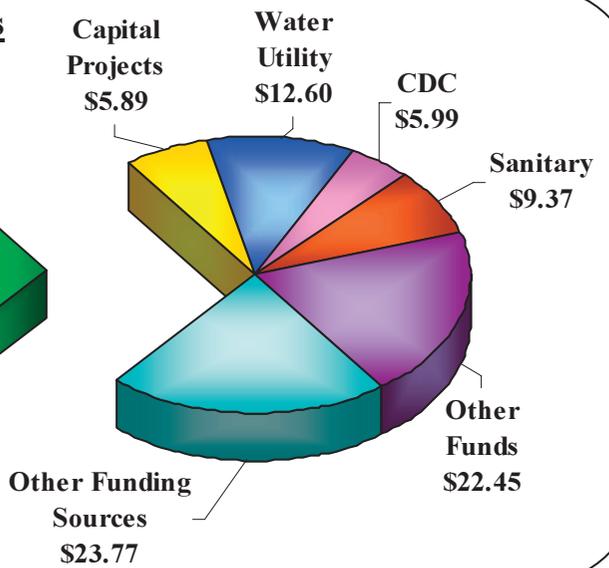
GENERAL FUND (\$ millions)

Sales Taxes	\$	11.73
Property Taxes		10.09
Franchise Taxes		2.32
Transient Occupancy Tax		1.75
Business Tax		1.35
Investment Income		1.13
Building Permits		0.80
Development Services		0.74
Motor Vehicle Fees		0.38
Other Revenues		2.14
Total Revenues	\$	<u>32.43</u>

Revenue/Sources

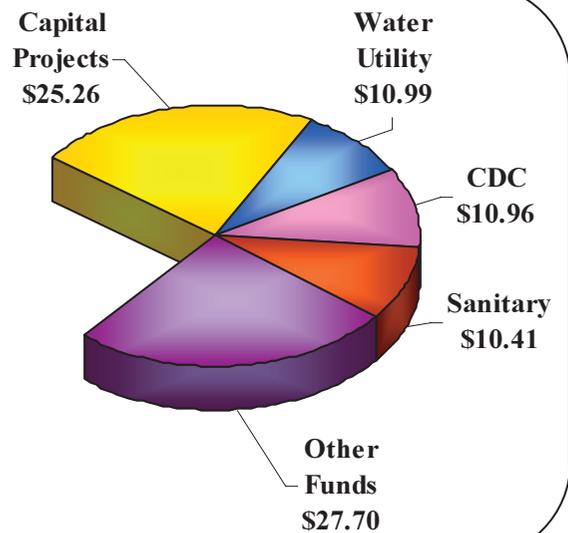
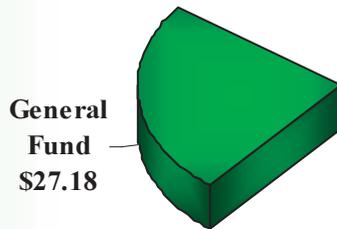


CITYWIDE (\$ millions)



Police Services	\$	14.17
City Administration		4.31
Public Works		2.28
Community Development		2.12
Library		1.87
Cultural Arts		0.72
Building and Safety		0.71
Code Enforcement		0.61
Other		0.39
Total Expenditures	\$	<u>27.18</u>
Transfers		5.20
Reserves		0.05
Total	\$	<u>32.43</u>

Expenditures/Uses

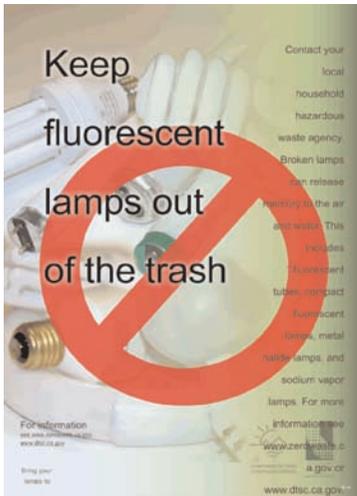


Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

The budget anticipates expenditures for the Capital Improvement Projects shown below.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Upland Rd Widening-Phase 2	\$ 5,000,000	Various Road Widening/Improvements	2,075,000
Wastewater Improvements	4,200,000	Springville Storm Drain Improvements	2,000,000
Pavement Rehabilitation	4,000,000	Water Improvement Projects	1,065,000
W. Ventura Blvd Utility Corridor	2,500,000	PV/101 SB On-Ramp Widening	1,000,000
All Other Projects	3,125,000	'Old Town' Parking Improvements	300,000
		Total CIP	<u>\$ 25,265,000</u>

Compact Fluorescent Lamps



According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, there are over 670 million mercury-containing Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) discarded each year nationwide. CFLs should not be discarded in your trash barrel or recycle barrel because they can release mercury into the environment through breakage and leakage in landfills.

On a positive note, the use of CFLs for general indoor lighting makes good environmental sense. These lamps are significantly more energy-efficient than incandescent lamps because they require less energy to provide lighting. Fluorescent lamps are also more cost effective because they last up to ten times longer than incandescent lamps. The City of Camarillo strongly encourages residents to properly recycle all mercury-containing lamps after they burn out.

Camarillo residents can recycle CFLs free of charge at Gold Coast Recycling and Transfer Station, 5275 Colt Street, Ventura; Home Depot, 4101 W. Ventura Boulevard; B&B Hardware Store, 698 Mobil Avenue; and the City's monthly household hazardous waste drop-off program which is available by appointment only, please call (805) 987-0717.

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

Water Efficient Product Rebates

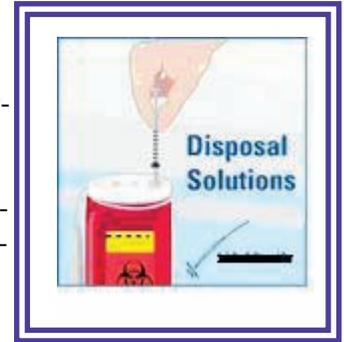
The City of Camarillo, in cooperation with Calleguas Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, is offering rebates on high-efficiency clothes washers, high-efficiency toilets and weather-based irrigation sprinkler controllers (Smart Controllers) to residential customers. Before purchasing any of these items, please call (888) 376-3314 for program details and eligible products. For rebate amounts select "4" to talk to a customer service representative.



Energy efficient clothes washer.

Proper Disposal of Used Needles

Attention all home "sharps" users and home care professionals! Beginning September 1, 2008, home-generated sharps can no longer be thrown in the trash or in recycling containers. Home-generated sharps are defined as disposable hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, and other medical devices used for self-injection or blood tests, which may have a sharp tip or end.



Improper disposal of used sharps 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 Friday 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 of charge at the SJPVH information desk.

If you would like more information about this program, please call Beverley Taylor at (805) 389-5176. For a complete list of drop-off locations, please visit the City's Web site at www.ci.camarillo.ca.us.

Does Your Lawn Have Dry Spots?

The **City of Camarillo Water Division** customers can receive up to 20 MP Rotator sprinkler nozzles to retrofit existing residential irrigation systems free of charge. These high-tech sprinkler nozzles offer better design, performance, coverage and cost advantage when compared to the traditional spray type nozzles thus having the potential to significantly reduce dry spots in turf landscaping. The MP Rotator nozzle applies water slowly, allowing more water to soak in, resulting in less run off. The MP Rotator nozzle is designed to fit only three brands of sprinkler heads, Rainbird 1800 series, Toro spray-type heads and Hunter Pro Spray series (not PS series). If you have one of these three types of sprinkler heads in your existing landscape and would like more program details, please call (805) 388-5373.

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Camarillo Library Happenings

The Esper A. Petersen Foundation Study Center (Homework Center) is open to assist students with their school assignments Monday through Thursday



Library Happenings

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. during the school year. The Homework Center coordinator, with the assistance of adult volunteers, provides help for kindergarten through eighth grade students.

Storytimes will take place at 10 a.m. September 8, 9 and 10 and October 20, 21 and 22 in the Story Corner in the back of the Discovery (Children's) Room. Mondays are for toddlers, and Tuesdays and Wednesdays are for preschoolers. The Family Storytime will continue on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the pirate ship.

Introductory computer classes take place in the Technology Room on the second floor. Classes in Basic Internet Skills and Library Database Electronic Resources are offered. There is a class in Library Databases for K-12 students on Sunday, September 28 from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., and Library Databases for adults Wednesday, October 22 from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please sign up at the children's desk or call (805) 388-7555 or the adult reference desk or call (805) 388-5811. Drop-in computer help is available Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., also in the Technology Room.

Karin Finell, award winning author, will discuss her *Good-bye to Mermaids: A Childhood Lost in Hitler's Berlin* on Sunday September 7 in the Community Room.

Camarillo Implements Reverse 911

Reverse 911 is operating in Ventura County; however, the only phone numbers in the initial call-out database are for land-line phones. Cell phones, TTY, and VoIP (Internet-based) phones must be registered to be contacted in an emergency.

What is Reverse 911? It is a mass notification system for alerting residences and businesses during an emergency such as a fire, earthquake, flood or police pursuit. The system is operated by the Ventura County Sheriff's *Office of Emergency Services* (OES). Cities participating in the program include Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and Santa Paula. Many of the unincorporated areas in Ventura County are also part of the service area.



As noted, listed and unlisted land-line phone numbers of AT&T and Verizon customers were input in the Reverse 911 database. Residents who want to receive emergency notifications on their cell, TTY, or VoIP phones need to register online, or contact OES at (805) 648-9283. To register online, please visit www.countyofventura.org and click on the reverse 911 logo.

Many businesses have multiple phone lines; operators of these businesses are requested to contact OES at (805) 648-9283 to limit their Reverse 911 telephone line(s) to allow expeditious notification of residences and businesses.

Backyard Composting "Do the Rot Thing"

Composting, nature's own way of recycling and "Doing the Rot Thing," is the controlled decomposition of organic material such as leaves, twigs, grass clippings, and vegetable food waste. Compost is the soil amendment product that results from proper composting.

Whether it's done on-site, at the point of waste generation or on a large-scale, composting helps keep the high volume of organic material out of landfills and turns it into a useful product. It's also an excellent source of organic matter that can be used as mulch or be added to your garden or potted plants as nutrients.

In addition to composting, you can also help reduce organic waste by grasscycling (leaving grass clippings on the lawn when you mow) and vermicomposting (composting with worms). For additional information on how to start composting in your backyard, or how to order a partially subsidized compost bin, please call (805) 388-5392 or visit the City's Web site at www.ci.camarillo.ca.us and locate information under *municipal composting*. This subsidy program is subject to availability of funds.



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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
- 13 **THIRD ANNUAL ART & JAZZ FESTIVAL
(EVENING UNDER THE STARS & ART DISPLAYS)**
10 A.M., PLEASANT VALLEY INSTRUCTIONAL CENTER,
2222 E. VENTURA BLVD.
FOR TICKETS, CALL THE CAMARILLO CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, 484-4383
- 12, 13 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717
- 12, 13 **E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT - 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.**
1605 BURNLEY STREET - CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER
- 20 **COASTAL CLEANUP DAY**
9 A.M. TO NOON, AT THE MAIN CANYON
OFF MISSION OAKS PARK, 383-5659
- 27 **UNITED WAY'S "DAY OF CARING"**
9 A.M. TO NOON, 1317 DEL NORTE RD., SUITE 100

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.**

October 2008

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- 10, 11 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF**
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Free Parenting Workshop

Are you frustrated with your teenager or preteen? Are they being defiant, out of control, or becoming difficult to talk to or understand? Are you concerned about their school grades? Can you identify possible drug or alcohol use and would you know what to do if you discovered your kids using drugs or alcohol?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Parent Project workshop is for you! This free ten-week workshop, taught at the Camarillo Police Department, was designed not only to help parents intervene in the most destructive of adolescent behaviors, but also to help parents identify and stop these behaviors from starting. This comprehensive, award-winning program offers practical solutions and tools to help parents with critical issues they maybe facing today.

The workshop will be discussing some of the following items: 1) How to love your children when you have a hard time liking them; 2) Why traditional parenting interventions often fail; 3) How to NEVER argue with your child again; 4) How to get increased compliance with the house rules; 5) What to do about drugs, sex, gangs, poor grades, running away, and violence; and finally, 6) How to utilize the help that is out there for you.

The next Parent Project workshop will be running from September 3 to November 5, 2008. Meetings will be held Wednesday nights from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Camarillo Police Station, 3701 Las Posas Road. If you are interested in this workshop or would like more information, please call Senior Deputy Julie Novak at (805) 388-5131 or e-mail julie.novak@ventura.org.

2008 Camarillo Art & Jazz Festival

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

www.camarilloartandjazz.com

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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	Camarillo Government Channel	
Public Works	388-5380	Channel 10 (Time Warner Customers)	
Streets:	388-5338	Channel 29 (Verizon FiOS Customers)	
Water:	388-5373		
Engineering:	388-5340		
Traffic:	388-5340		
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