

the City of Camarillo

# CityScene

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## 47th Annual Camarillo Christmas Parade



Santa and Mrs. Claus wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District announces the 47th Annual Camarillo Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13 at 11 a.m. This year's theme is "A Green Christmas." Parade organizers anticipate more than 100 parade entries including marching bands, beautifully decorated floats, equestrian units, classic cars and fire trucks. Santa and Mrs. Claus will conclude the parade with their jolly laughter and bright smiles.

The band competition, rated in the top ten in California, is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on the corner of Temple Avenue and Ponderosa Drive. The parade is approximately one mile long, and begins at Las Posas Road and Temple Avenue. The parade will travel west on Las Posas Road until it reaches Carmen Drive, then heads south on Carmen Drive to the Camarillo Community Center.

This year's parade festivities will also include the 2nd Annual Santa's Village Holiday Carnival. This event will offer musical entertainment, inflatable attractions, food booths, arts and crafts vendors, and a visit from Santa Claus. Santa's Village will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 13 at the Camarillo Community Center.

For additional information on the Camarillo Christmas Parade or the Santa's Village Holiday Carnival, please call (805) 482-1996 ext. 18, visit the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District's website at [www.pvrpd.org](http://www.pvrpd.org) or email your questions to Jeri Letus [jletus@pvrpd.org](mailto:jletus@pvrpd.org).

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## Camarillo Library Happenings

The Camarillo Library will be presenting a program by the Ojai Raptors on Saturday, November 8 at 10 a.m.

The Ojai Raptors is a non-profit organization dedicated to the rehabilitation and release of injured birds of prey. This is an educational program that will feature live birds, is appropriate for the entire family and is sponsored by the Meadowlark Service League.



Come inside and enjoy all the wonderful programs.

A flute and guitar duo will be performing at the Camarillo Library on Sunday, November 16 at 2 p.m. Henry and Carole Wadsworth have played throughout Southern California for the last three decades. They will play a variety of music including Brazilian and Celtic selections. This program is also sponsored by the Meadowlark Service League.

Electronic Library Resources computer class for homework and school research for K-12 students and parents will be offered on Sunday, November 23 from 3 p.m. to 4:15 pm. Please pre-register at the Children's Desk at the Camarillo Library or call (805) 388-5755.

Electronic Library Resources computer class for adults and college students will be held on Wednesday, December 17 from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please pre-register at the Adult Reference Desk or call (805) 388-5811. Both classes will be held on the second floor – technology classroom.

## Thank You 2008 Coastal Cleanup Day Volunteers

This year's 24th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day was held on Saturday, September 20, 2008. Over 400 volunteers removed 1,977 lbs. of trash and recyclables from two locations in Camarillo. Camarillo's volunteers were part of the statewide event in which preliminary data reports that over 63,482 volunteers removed almost 946,431 lbs.

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!



Coastal Cleanup Day volunteers and City staff.

Past data tells us that between 60-80% of the debris on our beaches and shorelines has come 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 creeks and ocean. The City of Camarillo and the California Coastal Commission continue 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.

## Election Day — November 4, 2008

On Tuesday, November 4, 2008, the voters of Camarillo will cast their votes for two members of the City Council. The term of office is four years. Ballots may be cast at your designated polling location. Polling place information is accessible online on the County's website at <http://recorder.countyofventura.org/PPLACE/POLLPLAC.HTM> or by calling the County Elections Department at (805) 654-2664 or the City Clerk's office at (805) 388-5353.

### Vote by Mail ballots can be returned via:

- \* U.S. Mail with first class postage of 59¢. The ballot must be received by the County Elections Division no later than Tuesday, November 4. Please note the postmark date does not count.
- \* Drop-off at any City Clerk's office in any of the ten City Halls throughout the county during normal business hours. Camarillo City Hall is located at 601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, California, and is open for business Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- \* Return to the Ventura County Elections Division at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or drop-off on Election Day at any polling place within Ventura County.

All ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, in order to be counted.

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## Christmas Tree Recycling

After the holidays, your Christmas tree may be recycled on your yard waste collection day for the two weeks following Christmas. Please remove all tinsel, ornaments, hangers, tree stands, and any metal rods or large nails placed in the trunk of the tree. Cut the tree into three foot lengths, if possible, and place it at the curb next to your refuse barrels. Please, NO plastic tree removal bags.



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

Flocked or fire-proofed trees cannot be recycled. Cut these trees in half and dispose of them in your green refuse barrel. If you're not ready to part with your tree in time for the first yard waste collection day following the holidays, you can still recycle it on a subsequent yard waste collection day by cutting the tree to fit **INSIDE** your tan yard waste barrel.

Refuse customers will be allowed to put out double the weekly amount of refuse at no additional charge for the two weeks following Christmas. Please limit yard waste volume added to your green refuse barrel and be sure to put your extra trash in bags adjacent to the barrel(s).

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

## Stop Don't Flush Your Medication

The City of Camarillo has teamed up with the Camarillo Police Department and the Ventura County Sheriff's Department to launch a new program that offers a convenient and confidential stationary drop-box where Camarillo residents can deposit unused or expired pharmaceuticals at the Camarillo Police Station, 3701 E. Las Posas Road, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This safe disposal program, to prevent pharmaceuticals from entering the waste stream, will help preserve the environment, reduce negative impacts on water quality and aquatic life, prevent overdoses, and help increase children's safety. Be sure to protect your privacy by removing labels showing patient's name, drug name and other personal information.



Pharmaceutical drop-box

*Pharmaceuticals are medications which include prescription drugs, such as hormones, antidepressants, and antibiotics; over-the-counter medications, such as pain relievers, cold/flu remedies and antiseptics; and veterinary medicines.*

If you would like to learn more about this program, please call the City's Recycling Coordinator at (805) 388-5392.

[Source: [NoDrugs DownTheDrain.Org](http://NoDrugsDownTheDrain.Org)]

## Scavenging in the City of Camarillo is Illegal

Scavenging is the theft of recyclable materials and is a misdemeanor punishable by law. This is a reminder that the City Council has adopted section 9.04.090 of the Camarillo Municipal Code — Anti-scavenging.

No person other than the person responsible for the day-to-day operation of each residential or commercial premise or such person's authorized employees may remove, interfere with, or disturb any solid waste, green waste, or recyclable materials once placed in the applicable container for temporary storage and collection.

Residents are advised to report any such incidents to the Camarillo Police Department by calling (805) 654-9511 as soon as possible with the following information: location of the incident, time and date, vehicle description including license plate number, if applicable, and description of person(s) involved. Please do not confront or apprehend the suspect(s).



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# Update on the Camarillo Navy Housing Complex

You may be wondering what happened to the Navy housing complex (also known as "Catalina Heights Navy Housing") located on the south side of Las Posas Road and west of Rosewood Avenue. The 51-acre site is located within Camarillo city limits, but is owned and controlled by the United States of America. The area was originally developed in the 1950s and has served the housing needs of military personnel within Ventura County, including the former Oxnard Air Force Base, and now, the Naval Base Ventura County (joint naval bases of Port Hueneme and Point Mugu).



The nearly sixty-year-old housing units were in need of updating, so 315 units were demolished and the construction waste totaling 67,844 tons was recycled. In its place will be 315 new units designed with mission-style architecture, a 6,250-square-foot military community center and recreation center, and playgrounds scattered throughout the complex. The one remaining building is a youth center that was constructed in 2005 and located adjacent to the recreation area; it acts as a large, centralized open area. The use of the 51-acre naval housing complex is limited to military personnel and their families only.

Grading of the site and utility work is currently underway, with construction of the units set to begin sometime in late fall. During grading, two large water tankers will be used to keep dust to a minimum, and special attention will be given to dust control. The first residents to move into the first phase of the complex are expected around late fall of 2009. The time schedule is dependent on the weather.

A new student drop-off area, to be constructed with the initial phase of the project and located adjacent to Las Posas Elementary School, will be used by all students of the school, military and civilian. There will be some traffic disruption during the beginning of the school semester, with the developer intent on completing the drop-off area as quickly as possible.

The Navy and their developer, San Diego Family Housing, LLC have provided and worked with the city on development information.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Michael Smith, Community Development Department, at (805) 388-5367, or email him at [msmith@ci.camarillo.ca.us](mailto:msmith@ci.camarillo.ca.us) or Morgan Rogers of San Diego, LLC, at (858) 320-3911, or email him at [morgan.rogers@clarkrealty.com](mailto:morgan.rogers@clarkrealty.com).

## Community Development Block Grant Program

The City of Camarillo will be conducting a workshop for nonprofit groups and agencies seeking Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Service Grants funding for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Camarillo Public Library, 4104 Las Posas Road.

Please attend the workshop if you plan to request CDBG or Community Service Grants funding from the City of Camarillo. Application packets for each of the grant programs will be distributed at the workshop.

CDBG funding comes from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and are to be used to create viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. CDBG funds may be used for housing, public services, public facilities, and economic development activities.

Community Service Grants funding comes from the City of Camarillo and support projects sponsored by nonprofit organizations. Events such as Concerts in the Park, Holiday Parade, Fourth of July Celebration, and Fiesta are not required to apply for CDBG grant funds as they will be included in the City budget process.

For questions or additional information, please contact Randy Richardson at (805) 388-5369 or by email at [randyrichardson@ci.camarillo.ca.us](mailto:randyrichardson@ci.camarillo.ca.us) or you may also contact Kim Nakamura at (805) 388-5322 or by email at [knakamura@ci.camarillo.ca.us](mailto:knakamura@ci.camarillo.ca.us).

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## November 2008

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**  
8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- 14, 15 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717
- 21 **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK LUNCHEON**  
11 A.M. - 1:30 P.M., STERLING HILLS GOLF CLUB,  
RSVP 484-4383

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:  
Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28**

## December 2008

- 6, 13, 20, 27 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**  
8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- 5 **EIGHTH ANNUAL CAMARILLO RANCH HOLIDAY  
CANDLELIGHT GALA**  
6 P.M. - 10 P.M. CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE,  
FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CALL 389-8182
- 7 **MEADOWLARK SERVICE LEAGUE 30TH ANNUAL  
HOLIDAY HOME TOUR FUNDRAISER AT VARIOUS  
LOCATIONS**  
1 P.M. TO 5 P.M., PAIGE HIBBITS, 320-6553
- 12, 13 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717
- 13 **47TH ANNUAL CAMARILLO CHRISTMAS PARADE**  
11 A.M., CORNER OF TEMPLE AVE AND LAS POSAS

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

## Candlelight Gala Returns to Camarillo Ranch House

The Eighth Annual Camarillo Ranch Holiday Candlelight Gala, featuring fine food in a beautiful setting, returns to the historic Camarillo House Friday, December 5 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. 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



**Camarillo Ranch House**

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, 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 30, 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 purchase your 2009 Calendar for \$12.

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

## Door-to-Door Solicitors Must Obtain Permit

All solicitors operating within the City, even those just leaving flyers or brochures at residences or businesses, must carry a City Solicitation Permit. The City's Business Tax Division issues commercial solicitation permits. To obtain a permit or request more information, call (805) 388-5330.

Solicitors representing charitable and religious organizations must also carry a permit when they are soliciting for any contributions door-to-door or in any place of public accommodation. Religious organizations are not required to obtain a solicitation permit if they are only providing information about their organization. The nonprofit solicitation permits are issued by the City Clerk's office. To obtain a permit or request more information, please call (805) 388-5353. If the solicitor cannot produce a permit or is unusually persistent, residents are asked to call the Camarillo Police Department at (805) 388-5100. If threatened by a solicitor, call for emergency help by dialing 9-1-1.



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### Telephone Directory

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Cable TV Cust. Service		<b>Airport Noise Complaints</b>	<b>388-4202</b>
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 (<i>Dial-A-Ride</i>)</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 (<i>non-emergency</i>)</b>	<b>389-9710</b>
City Hazardous Waste Appts.	987-0717	<b>Police Department (<i>non-emergency</i>)</b>	<b>388-5100</b>
<b>City Clerk</b>	<b>388-5316</b>	<b>City Website</b>	
<b>Finance</b>	<b>388-5320</b>	<a href="http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us">www.ci.camarillo.ca.us</a>	
Accounts Payable:	388-5352	<b>City email Address</b>	
Business Licenses:	388-5330	<a href="mailto:cityhall@ci.camarillo.ca.us">cityhall@ci.camarillo.ca.us</a>	
Utility/Customer Service:	388-5325	<b>Camarillo Library Website</b>	
<b>Community Development</b>	<b>388-5360</b>	<a href="http://www.vencolibrary.org">www.vencolibrary.org</a>	
Code Enforcement:	383-5660	<b>Camarillo Government Channel</b>	
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>388-5380</b>	<b>Channel 10 (Time Warner Customers)</b>	
Streets:	388-5338	<b>Channel 29 (Verizon FiOS Customers)</b>	
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Engineering:	388-5340		
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