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50-Plus Expo Coming to Community Center



Your 50th birthday can really sneak up when you're not looking. Suddenly you'll find you need all kinds of new knowledge for this new phase in your lives—or perhaps in your parents' lives.

If that's true for you, take heart. The Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District and the Camarillo Council on Aging will host their eighth annual 50-Plus Expo on May 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Camarillo

Community Center, 1605 Burnley St. This free event is designed for members of our community who are 50-plus years of age. More than 100 companies and agencies will provide information on personal care, health care, and veterans' benefits, as well as free health screenings. You'll also make meaningful contacts for your future needs or those of your aging parent(s). Lunch will be available for \$5.00 and, remember, there's no charge for admission.

For more information, contact the Pleasant Valley Senior Center at (805) 482-4881 or visit our website at www.pvrpd.org.

Don't Be a Drip—Save Every Drop!

As you know, California's in a severe water drought. Record dry conditions have made water issues a top priority. Here in Ventura County we barely had a winter, and we're already using reserves to supply our everyday water needs. The simple reminders below can help keep this very serious situation from getting even worse.

- Turn off water when brushing your teeth to save three gallons a day.
- Shorten showers by one or two minutes to save five gallons.
- Fix leaks to save 20 gallons a day per leak—for example, by replacing toilet flappers and faulty faucet gaskets.
- Teach your children good water conservation habits.
- Don't water your outdoor landscaping too much! In Southern California, up to 70% of residential water goes for outdoor uses, and that includes a lot of wasted water from overwatering. (For watering tips, see one of the websites listed below.)
- Replace water-guzzling landscapes with drought-tolerant versions.
- Remember that the City of Camarillo Water Conservation Ordinance remains in effect. To view or download the water conservation ordinance, visit www.cityofcamarillo.org.
- Talk to your family and friends about conserving water. If everyone does a little, we all benefit.

Learn more about how to conserve water outdoors by visiting the City's Water Wise Gardening webpage at www.camarillogardening.com or the Metropolitan Water District's webpage at www.bewaterwise.com.

Another Chance to Attend Citizens Academy

Ask anyone who's done it—they'll tell you the Camarillo Citizens Academy is a great experience. On May 13, the Camarillo Police Department will begin its 30th academy program, a twelve-week course designed to provide an overview of the police department's functions and operating procedures.

You'll hear presentations by a Superior Court judge, K-9 officer, S.W.A.T. team and bomb squad members, narcotics officers, and many others. You'll meet the Camarillo Police Department's Chief of Police and get a comprehensive tour of the police station. You'll go on field trips to the Pre-Trial Detention Facility, juvenile hall, Sheriff's dispatch center, Sheriff's Training Academy, and heliport.

Sound interesting? It is! Get an application at the Camarillo Police Station or contact its Community Resource Unit at (805) 388-5155. Potential candidates must be at least 18 years old and have no misdemeanor or felony convictions within one year of applying.

Classes will meet for twelve weeks in the Community Room at the Camarillo Police Station on Tuesday evenings beginning May 13, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.



Class Helps Parents Unlock Kids' Potential

Today's children face way too many obstacles, bad influences, and distractions. And too many children engage in harmful behaviors fueled by negative social factors—alcohol, drugs, gangs, and peer pressure, to name a few major ones. If you're a parent, you know the added difficulties these can create for you.

Most parents would do almost anything to ensure that their children reach their scholastic and personal-growth potential. As you can imagine, the Camarillo Police Department also has a great interest in making this happen. That's why the department is offering a parenting class on Wednesday evenings for ten weeks, starting on May 28. Parents with difficult, defiant, or problematic children are highly encouraged to attend. Parents of middle and high school students will also benefit.

Course content consists of methods to address drugs, sex, gangs, poor grades, runaways, and violence. You'll also learn how to gain children's compliance with house rules, how to never argue with your child again, and how to use other parents for support. The only cost is the \$20 price of the course book.

Want to enroll or know more? Call the Camarillo Police Department's Community Resource Unit at (805) 388-5155.

Get in on Fabulous Free Family Fun!



We all love summer Saturday evenings, don't we? Ahhh, those long hours when the sun goes down so leisurely and there's no work or school tomorrow. Here's a great way to enjoy them to the max: pack a picnic dinner and head to Constitution Park for free music or a movie.

That's right—on Saturday, June 7, the Camarillo Arts Council launches its annual music and movie series in the park with a tribute to Frankie Valli and the four Seasons. You'll enjoy many talented musicians performing different musical styles, alternating with family-friendly films. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and movies begin at 8 p.m. Constitution Park is located next to City Hall at the corner of Carmen Drive and Paseo Camarillo.

Now aren't you glad you live here? (For a complete schedule or to make a donation, visit www.camarilloartscouncil.org.)

“Woof, Woof, Woof” = “Please Get Me a License”

Do you have a dog over four months old? If you and your pet live within City limits, you’re required by law to have a current license—even if your dog only lives indoors or stays inside your fenced yard.

License tags tell Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) where pets live so lost animals can be returned. And did you know that Ventura County is a rabies-declared area? That means the licensing program also helps to ensure public safety, because it requires proof of a rabies vaccination.

Get your dog license in just two steps:

1. Have your dog vaccinated against rabies; the shots are available at rabies clinics for as little as \$6 (cash only). For dates and locations, visit the VCAS website at www.vcas.us. Vets’ offices also offer rabies vaccinations; call a local vet to find out what they charge.
2. Once you have the rabies certificate, contact VCAS. The license fee is \$20 for an altered (sterile) pet and \$75 for an unaltered (fertile) pet; VCAS provides vouchers for discounts on spaying/neutering. However, you may have to pay a penalty if your dog is not licensed by four months old or within 30 days of acquiring it, so don’t wait until your animal is spayed or neutered to get a license.

Dog licenses are good for one year as long as the rabies certificate is valid during the entire period. Questions? Call Ventura County Animal Services at (805) 388-4341 (option 6).

When Your Pet Poops, Pick It Up



Here, there, everywhere—pet waste left by dogs whose owners let them poop in public places and then just walk on. Don’t they realize that rain may wash pet waste into storm drains and ultimately into our creeks and ocean? Don’t they know that bacteria and parasites in this waste threatens the health not only of wildlife but of humans as well? What’s more, nutrients found in the waste may cause excess weed and algae growth.

You don’t want to be one of those irresponsible pet owners who spoil the environment for the rest of us, do you? Then follow these guidelines.

- When walking your dog, carry a disposable bag—preferably biodegradable—with you. Most parks in Camarillo have biodegradable bags available to use in cleaning up after your pet.
- Wherever you are cleaning up your dog’s waste, place it in a bag and seal it securely.
- Place sealed pet-waste bags in a trash receptacle, not back on the ground.
- Put used cat litter in a sealed bag in a trash receptacle, too. Warning: Never put cat waste or used litter in garden soil.

For more about pollution prevention, visit www.cleanwatershed.org or call the City of Camarillo at (805) 383-5659.

Grand Opening of Farmers’ Market & Crafters’ Corner

Mark your calendars: the Pleasant Valley Certified Farmers’ Market & Crafters’ Corner will host its Grand Opening on Wednesday, May 21. This and future markets will be held rain or shine each Wednesday from 3 p.m. to dusk at the Camarillo Community Center, 1605 E. Burnley Street. The Ventura County Certified Farmers’ Markets will bring you the freshest of California’s fruits, vegetables, and much more. Artisan bakeries, beef ranchers, local fishermen, specialty ethnic foods, and hot cooked foods will also be on hand.

What’s more, Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District will be hosting special events for the entire family. Movie nights, music, kids’ games, and other activities will be provided with each market week throughout the summer. Don’t miss out! More info at www.pvrpd.org or by calling (805) 482-1996.

Super Spring Events & Programs Bloom at Library

Special Events

- Wildlife Experience presents “Mother's Day/Mother Nature” with five animals, Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.
- Artist Teng Shu-Ming discusses landscape and ink art, Monday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.
- Thousand Oaks Chinese Folk Ensemble orchestra, Sunday, May 11, 2 p.m.
- Star Tours presents “Astronomy for Everyone,” Tuesday, June 24, 7 p.m. Video followed by viewing celestial objects. Bring your telescope.

Children's Programs

- Summer Reading Program, “Fizz, Boom, Read!” Most children's programs have special summer days & hours; check newsletter/website. Reading logs & prizes/incentives from June 15–Aug. 31.
- Summer Storytimes, Mondays & Tuesdays, June 23–Aug. 12, 10 a.m. in the Pirate Ship.
- Family Storytimes every Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the Pirate Ship.
- PAWs for Reading, Mondays & Wednesdays until June 11, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- Book Buddies, Tuesdays, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- Homework Center (K-8 students), Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays, 3–6 p.m.; Thursdays, 2–6 p.m. Note: June 12 is last day for this school year.
- LEGOS/Board Games & Puzzles for children, Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- NEW Book Group for upper elementary and middle schoolers, Thursday, May 8, 3:30 p.m.
- Crazy Crafts, Mondays, June 23–Aug. 11, 1 p.m. in the Children's Room.
- Science is Everywhere! Tuesdays, June 24–July 29, 2 p.m. in the Children's Room. Join us for a variety of science activities.
- Wonderful Wednesdays, June 25–Aug. 13, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Terrific performances in the Community Room.
- LEGOS, Board Games & Puzzles, Thursdays, June 26–Aug. 14, 1 p.m.

Teen Programs

- Teen Movies! (NEW) First Thursday of each month
 - * May 1–*Hunger Games: Catching Fire* (PG-13) 6:00 p.m.,
 - * June 5–*Warm Bodies*; a paranormal zombie comedy, (PG-13) 6:30 p.m.
- Teen Readers Theater presented by Teen Advisory Board, May 3, 2–4 p.m., Community Room.
- Teen Writers Club meets first three Mondays of each month, 4–6 p.m., Conference Room.
- Teen Book Club normally meets third Saturday each month, 1–2:30 p.m. EXCEPT fourth Saturday, May 24.
- Teen Advisory Board normally meets third Saturday each month, 2:30–4:30 p.m. EXCEPT fourth Saturday, May 24.

Adult Programs

- Introduction to Yoga for Seniors with Audrey Walzer, Wednesday, May 7, 10–11 a.m.
- Social Media Marketing Made Simple, Tuesday, May 13, 10 a.m.–noon; covers email & blogging.
- Introduction to T'ai Chi, with Maki Fujisaki Guelcher, Wednesday, May 14, 10–11 a.m.
- Adult Learning Center tutors adult reading and writing skills, Mondays & Wednesdays, 3–6 p.m.
- Free Movies for Adults every Thursday, 6:30 p.m., EXCEPT teen-only movies, May 1 and June 5, 6 p.m. start times.

The library will be closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day. Regular hours: Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 4101 Las Posas Road. Everyone is welcome. Call us at (805) 388-5222 or visit us at www.camarillolibrary.org.

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2 **CAMARILLO OPTIMIST CLUB ANNUAL YOUTH BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT**
901 STERLING HILLS DR., 482-1218

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- NOON, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507

6 **CAMARILLO COUNCIL ON AGING SENIOR EXPO**
9:30 A.M. - 1 P.M., COMMUNITY CENTER
1605 BURNLEY ST., CAMARILLO, 482-1996
WWW.PVRPD.ORG

13, 14 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US

18 **PLEASANT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIVING HISTORY DAY**
1 P.M. TO 4 P.M., 720 LAS POSAS ROAD
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 482-3660

21 **PLEASANT VALLEY CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
3 P.M. - DUSK, CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER
1605 BURNLEY ST., 482-1996

23 **CAMARILLO OLD TOWN CRUISE NIGHT**
5 P.M. TO 8 P.M., VENTURA BLVD
FOR INFORMATION, CALL TOM 443-9219

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7, 14, 21, 28 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
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8 A.M.- NOON, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507

7 **CONCERT IN THE PARK OH WHAT A NIGHT!**
(TRIBUTE TO FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS)
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847

13, 14 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
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WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US

21 **CONCERT IN THE PARK CAUGHT RED HANDED (BEST COUNTRY OF 1964)**
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847

28 **CAMARILLO OLD TOWN CRUISE NIGHT**
5 P.M. TO 8 P.M., VENTURA BLVD
FOR INFORMATION, CALL TOM, 443-9219

28 **MOVIE IN THE PARK MARY POPPINS**
8 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847

Scavenging Is Not Harmless— Help Stop It

“Isn’t scavenging just a harmless way for folks in need to find food or things they can use or make a few bucks at a recycling station?”

The answer is no, though this is a common misconception. Consider these facts:

- Scavengers take recyclable items that our trash collection company needs to keep costs down. In this age of waste-reduction and repurposing, recyclables have become valued commodities that can be marketed to offset collection costs for homeowners and businesses. Without recyclables, our collection costs would be higher.
- Scavengers may be harmed by bacteria, broken bottles, out dated medications, tin-can lids, splintered wood, or food that looks edible but could make them ill. They may not correctly assess these risks--but they could wind up paying a heavy price, and taxpayers could wind up paying their medical bills.
- Scavengers may be looking for credit-card offers or other carelessly discarded paperwork that could enable them to steal someone’s identity.
- Scavengers often create unsafe (and unsightly) debris that can work its way into our watershed and eventually harm our waterways and ocean ecosystems. Again, we all pay the price.

Many nonprofit organizations exist to help people in need. When we discourage scavenging, we encourage them to get help in safe, legal ways.

“So what should I do if I see someone scavenging?”

- Take note of as much of the following information as you can:
 - * Date and time of incident
 - * Location
 - * Description of person(s) involved
 - * Type of materials scavenged
 - * Vehicle description and license plate number (if applicable)
- Report the above as soon as possible to the Camarillo Police Department by calling (805) 654-9511. “The police may help them find better resources.”
- Do not confront or try to apprehend scavengers yourself. A stranger’s response is unpredictable and may be dangerous.

Technology has dramatically changed both the costs and consequences of scavenging in recent years. Please do your part to help keep it in check.



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Cable TV Customer Service
Time Warner: (888) 892-2253
Verizon: (888) 553-1555

City Cable TV Representative: 388-5349
Economic Development: 388-5349
Trash Collection (E.J. Harrison): 647-1414
Recycling & Hazardous Waste: 388-5392
Hazardous Waste Appt. Line: 987-0717

City Clerk 388-5316

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Accounts Payable: 388-5352
Business Licenses: 388-5330
Utility Billing/Customer Service: 388-5325

Community Development 388-5360

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Water Reclamation: 388-5332

Abandoned Vehicles 388-5150

Airport Noise Complaints 388-4202

Animal Services 388-4341

Building & Safety 388-5395

Camarillo Area Transit (Dial-A-Ride) 988-4228

Camarillo Library 388-5222

Fire Department (non-emergency) 389-9710

Graffiti Reports 388-5338

Police Department (non-emergency) 388-5100

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Camarillo Library Website
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Camarillo Government Channel

Channel 10 (Time Warner customers)
Channel 29 (Verizon FiOS customers)

