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53rd Camarillo Christmas Parade

“A Comic Book Christmas”

Batman deciphered the Riddler’s code: 10-11-12-13-14. Can you? (Don’t peek, but if you can’t guess, the answer’s at the end.)

The code reminds you to come dressed as your favorite comic book character at the annual Camarillo Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13. This year’s theme will highlight your favorite cartoon characters and superheroes as they join auto, band, equestrian, float, and specialty units marching from the corner of Temple and Las Posas to the Community Center Park. **Parade start-time is 10 a.m.**

Come before the parade’s kick-off for the Marching Band Competition, located on Temple Avenue between Ponderosa and Temple across from the First Baptist Church. Competition begins at 8:30 a.m., so arrive early to get a seat.

Parade seating and festivities are also available at Santa’s Village Holiday Carnival, located at the Camarillo Community Center, 1605 E. Burnley Street. Enjoy live music, arts and craft vendors, food vendors, kids’ attractions, and much more from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visits with Santa will be available from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Don’t miss this superfun for superheroes and other colorful characters—and their family and friends.

For more details on “A Comic Book Christmas” Parade and Santa’s Village Holiday Carnival, visit the *Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District’s* website at www.pvrpd.org or call (805) 482-1996. Happy holidays!

(P.S. The Riddler’s code means “The parade goes by between 10 and 11 a.m. on 12/13/14.”)

Hop Aboard Our New Free Trolley

A free trolley service began in Camarillo on Wednesday, Oct. 1.

The trolley, which provides regular service to a number of shopping centers, is a collaboration between the City, the Camarillo Chamber of Commerce, California State University Channel Islands, and the business community.



Operating hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The trolley will make stops approximately every 30 minutes. It will start from the Camarillo Metrolink Station at Lewis Road and Ventura Blvd. and stop at the following locations:

- Ponderosa Center (next to 99 Cent Store)
- Las Posas Plaza (Breezeway behind Ralphs)
- Promenade/Premium Outlets (Ventura Blvd.)
- Chamber of Commerce/Dizdar Park (Ventura Blvd.)
- Camarillo Plaza (Daily Drive)
- Camarillo Town Center (Ventura Blvd.)
- Old Town (Ventura Blvd.)

Visit www.camarillotrolley.com to access a mobile optimized website that shows the current route location of the trolley. For more information about the new trolley service, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (805) 484-4383 or the City of Camarillo at (805) 388-5340.

Nonprofits, Don't Miss Our Grants Workshop

Does your organization need more money to do more good? Then mark your calendars: on Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., the City will conduct a workshop for nonprofit groups and agencies seeking Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs) and Community Service Grants for fiscal year 2015-2016. The workshop will be held at the Camarillo Public Library, 4101 Las Posas Road.

If you plan to request funding through either of these sources, we urge you to attend the workshop. Afterwards, applications will be available online; filing deadline is Friday, Jan. 23, 2015.

CDBG funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. They are earmarked to create more viable urban communities by providing suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities, mainly for persons of low and moderate income. These funds may be used for housing, public services, public facilities, and economic-development activities.

The City of Camarillo provides Community Service Grants. They are available to qualified groups with a current 501(c) (3) registration, such as community service organizations, nonprofit corporations, and parent/teacher groups. Capital projects and community service activities that directly serve or benefit Camarillo residents, including enhancement of established events and programs, are eligible.

For more on CDBGs, contact Michael Smith at (805) 388-5367 or by email at msmith@cityofcamarillo.org. For additional information regarding Community Service Grants, contact Deborah Whitlock at (805) 383-5654 or by email at dwhitlock@cityofcamarillo.org.

Voice Your Choice: Vote Nov. 4

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, the voters of Camarillo will cast their votes for three members of the City Council. The City Council makes decisions that directly affect you.

Tips to make sure your vote counts:

- Registered voters may choose to vote by mail. To do so for the first time, you must complete a **Vote by Mail Voter Application**. The deadline to submit the form for the November election is *5 p.m. Oct. 28*. With your application, you may request to automatically receive a vote by mail ballot every year if you wish.
- Both the above forms are available from the City Clerk at City Hall, 601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, or the Ventura County Elections Division, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura. Completed forms must be returned to the Ventura County Clerk, Registrar of Voters, by the dates indicated above.
- Ballots may be cast at your designated polling location. You can look up your polling location at www.recorder.countyofventura.org or by calling the County Elections Department at **(805) 654-2664**.

Vote by mail ballots can be:

- Returned via U.S. Mail with first-class postage. The ballot must be received by the County Elections Division (address above) no later than Nov. 4. **Please note that the postmark date does not count.**
- Dropped 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 and is open for business Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Returned to the Ventura County Elections Division at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Dropped off on election day at any polling place within Ventura County.

All ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, in order to be counted.



Here is An Affordable Way to Go Green

Great news for Camarillo homeowners! CaliforniaFIRST is the nation's largest Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program, and it's available in our community. With CaliforniaFIRST, you can finance your home energy-efficient and water-saving improvements through your property taxes.



PACE has enormous potential to curb energy use, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create jobs. If just 1% of owner-occupied homes in CaliforniaFIRST territory completed an energy-efficient or renewable-energy upgrade financed with PACE in the first year of the program, it would provide: 29,600 metric tons of greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction, 5,100 new jobs, and 28,000 megawatt hours (MWHs) of electricity savings

Impressive? You bet—and you can help make it happen. Find out more about bringing energy-efficient upgrades to your home with low-cost, long-term financing by visiting www.CaliforniaFIRST.org.

emPower Ventura County Offers More Help With Upgrades



Did you know that the County of Ventura has also launched a program to help local homeowners and contractors make energy upgrades easy and affordable? Through a unique partnership with Ventura County Credit Union, *emPower Ventura County* is offering low-cost financing for County residents to upgrade their homes.

That's right: you can make your home more comfortable, more efficient, and healthier with improvements that can reduce your utility bills and enhance your property while creating local jobs and helping the environment.

Sound good? In order to qualify for emPower Central Coast financing, you must own a single-family home in Ventura County. For your protection, all home improvements must be completed by a qualified and participating contractor. You do not need to be a member of the Ventura County Credit Union to qualify.

Eligible home improvements include qualified upgrades that are eligible for utility rebates, either as a single measure or as part of a package of energy improvements. A "qualified upgrade" must be enrolled as a Home Upgrade or Advanced Home Upgrade in the statewide Energy Upgrade California program administered by your utility service, which provides up to \$6,500 in rebates from your utility. Examples of eligible measures include insulation, heating equipment replacement, duct repair, and window upgrades.

You may also opt to add solar projects to your energy upgrade package, as long as they are accompanied by other energy-efficient upgrades. Let *emPower Ventura County* help you combine generous utility incentives with low-cost financing. With unsecured loan rates as low as 5.9%, terms up to 15 years, and loan amounts up to \$25,000, now is the time to consider upgrading your home.

To learn more, call to schedule your FREE Home Energy Consultation with *emPower's* Energy Coach at (805) 654-3834. You can also find more information at www.emPowerSBC.org.

Done Celebrating? Recycle Your Christmas Tree

E.J. Harrison & Sons and the City of Camarillo make it easy for you to recycle your Christmas tree. All you need to do is remove the ornaments, hooks, lights, tinsel, bows, nails, and tree stand. Cut the tree into four-foot sections and place it in your yardwaste barrel on your scheduled pickup day. Now E.J. Harrison & Sons even accepts flocked Christmas trees for recycling.

Collected trees will be processed into various sizes of mulch. The material is used by Agromin to make several products that benefit our farmlands, orchards, nurseries, and our own gardens.

As another special post-holiday service, Harrison customers may put out twice the amount of trash at no extra charge during the two weeks after Dec. 25. Please make sure the trash is in bags alongside your trash bin. You may also put out extra recyclables, but please flatten all boxes and place them alongside the recycling bin beside any extra trash in bags.

"The People Are The City"

Wonderful Winter Programs at the Camarillo Library

CA READS: *War Comes Home*; Offsite: Author Karl Marlantes at the Reagan Library on **Monday, Nov. 17 at 10 a.m.**

ONGOING AT THE LIBRARY:

- Operation Gratitude—letter-writing table, Veteran gift tree, and Veteran art display.
- Your Heroes Around the World—post your family’s service photos on our display map.
- *War Comes Home* Poetry Contest—for ages 16+. Submissions by **Sunday, Nov. 30**
- Military Spouses Panel Discussion on **Saturday, Nov. 1 at 2 p.m.**
- Veterans for Sustainable Agriculture presentation on **Sunday, Nov. 2 at 2 p.m.**
- War Comes Home Poetry Workshop, **Monday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Meditation and Healing Circle on **Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.**
- OLLI Presentation: “Homelessness and Returning Vets,” **Sunday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m.**
- **Camarillo Library’s New Veteran Resource Center** Ribbon-Cutting with Mayor Kildee, **Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 5:30 p.m.**
- *Ground Operations* screening followed by Q&A with veteran Rob Barnett, **Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m.**
- Veteran Home-Buying Seminar, **Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m.**
- VC Genealogical Society Presentations—“Not in Plain Sight: Color Revelations in Civil War Images” and “Experiencing the Civil War through Your Ancestors’ Eyes,” **Saturday, Nov. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m.**

SPECIAL EVENT — *R2-D2* and *WALL-E* builder Mike Senna shares his amazing replicas, **Saturday, Dec. 6 at 12 p.m.**

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

- Weekly Storytimes through Dec. 22:
 - Toddler Storytime: **Mondays at 10 a.m.**
 - PAWs for Reading: **Mondays and Wednesdays, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**
 - Book Buddies: **Tuesdays, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**
 - Family Storytime: **Tuesdays at 7 p.m.**
 - Preschool Storytime: **Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.**
- LEGOS/Game Day: **Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- Holiday Sing-Along with TJ Zeiler on **Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.**

TEEN PROGRAMS (ages 12-18)

- Teen Readers Conference and Book Swap, **Saturday, Nov. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m.**
- Third Thursday Teen MakerSpace from **6 to 8 p.m.**
 - **Nov. 20**—Build your own VibroBot
 - **Dec. 18**—Duct tape creations
- Gingerbread Houses! **Saturday, Dec. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m.** Registration opens **Nov. 1**
- Teen Movie Night—“YA Books to Movies”—*If I Stay*, **Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Teen Writers Club meets the first three **Mondays** of each month, from **4 to 6 p.m.**
- Teen Book Club meets the third **Saturday** of each month, from **1 to 2:30 p.m.**
- Teen Advisory Board meets the third **Saturday** of each month, from **2:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Covered California Health Plans Education Seminars, **Wednesday, Nov. 12.** English seminar, **5:30 to 6 p.m.**; Spanish seminar, **6 to 6:30 p.m.**
- “Medicare 101”—Program expert Belinda Lang presents on **Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m.**
- “Social Security Savior”—Tim Wilbur explains financial options on **Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Tuesday Morning Book Club—*Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver on **Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.**
- Thursday Evening Book Club—*The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey* by Walter Mosley on **Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.**
- Must-See Movies for Adults: **Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.**

Nov. 13 — *The Invisible War* **Dec. 20** — *Hell and Back Again* **Dec. 11** — *Edge of Tomorrow* **Dec. 18** — *The Santa Clause*

RUSSELL FISCHER BUSINESS COLLECTION

- “You’re Social, Now What? Social Media Marketing Strategies,” **Thursday, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m.**
- “Getting Started with Constant Contact” and creating email campaigns, **Thursday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m.**
- OPEN (Outstanding Professionals Employment Network) provides networking opportunities, resume scrubs, mock interviews, and more, **Friday, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

The library is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will close at 5 p.m. on Nov. 26, Dec. 24, and Dec. 31. The library will be closed all day on Nov. 27-28, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1.

Contact us at (805) 388-5222 or visit us online at www.camarillolibrary.org. We are located at 4101 Las Posas Road.



November 2014

- 6 **ECONOMIC OUTLOOK LUNCHEON**
11 A.M.-1:30 P.M., SPANISH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
999 CRESTVIEW AVE, 484-4383
WWW.CAMARILLOCHAMBER.ORG
- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.-12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 5, 12, 19, 26 **PLEASANT VALLEY CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
3 P.M. TO 6 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY ST., 482-1996
- 14, 15 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG
- 27 **FREE, TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER**
CAMARILLO MOOSE FAMILY CENTER
11 A.M.- 4 P.M., 341 ARNEIL RD., SUITE A
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 484-9118

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- 6 **COWBOY CHRISTMAS AT THE CAMARILLO RANCH**
6 P.M.-10 P.M., CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE
201 CAMARILLO RANCH ROAD, 389-8182
WWW.CAMARILLO-RANCH.ORG
- 6, 13, 20, 27 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.-12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 3, 10, 17, 31 **PLEASANT VALLEY CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
3 P.M. TO 6 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY ST., 482-1996
- 12, 13 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG
- 14 **MEADOWLARK SERVICE LEAGUE**
HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS
1 P.M.- 5 P.M., VARIOUS LOCATIONS, CAMARILLO
WWW.MEADOWLARKSERVICELEAGUE.COM
- 16 **COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING**
5 P.M.- 6:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 383-7882
- 3, 10, 17 **SANTA NIGHTS AT THE CAMARILLO RANCH**
5 P.M.- 8 P.M., CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE
201 CAMARILLO RANCH ROAD, 389-8182
WWW.CAMARILLO-RANCH.ORG

Please Conserve Water

Remember the old childhood song we sang to make rain go away so we could run out to play? Time to rewrite those words, right? California's record dry conditions have made water issues a statewide top priority.

As the drought scorches the southwest, the Governor's office in Sacramento continues to impose very strict measures to conserve California's water supply. Here are some simple ways you can help this very serious situation. (Sure, we know you've read them before, but are you doing them every day?)

- Turn off water when brushing your teeth and save 3 gallons a day.
- Shorten your showers by one or two minutes and save five gallons.
- Save 20 gallons a day for every leak you fix, for example, by replacing toilet flappers and faulty faucet gaskets. (Fixing leaks immediately is required under our City's Stage 2 water-conservation measures now in force.)
- Teach your children and grandchildren good water conservation habits—which means modeling these behaviors yourselves.
- Replace water-guzzling landscapes with drought-tolerant versions. Camarillo's Water-Wise Gardening web page has great ideas on how to do that; see www.camarillogardening.com. (Did you know that outdoor watering accounts for 60 to 70% of residential water use?)
- Get familiar with and follow the Stage 2 measures in the City's water conservation ordinance, which spells out the water limits now in force, including limits on watering; filling pools, spas, ponds, and ornamental lakes; receiving agricultural water deliveries; and more. Penalties are also shown. The ordinance may be viewed or printed from the City's website at www.cityofcamarillo.org.

And remember, you can save water and money by taking advantage of rebates on water-efficient clothes washers, turf removal, rotating sprinkler nozzles, or weather-based irrigation controllers. More information: www.bewaterwise.com or (888) 376-3314.

Thank You 2014 Coastal Cleanup Day Volunteers!

Volunteers at the Calleguas Creek and Mission Oaks Barranca sites worked hard to stop debris at the source, preventing it from entering our waterways and ending up in our ocean. Along with picking up after others, the environmental saviors collected data on what was picked up and how many times; this gives us the statistics on problematic debris.

Camarillo's volunteers were part of the statewide event in which preliminary data reports that over 55,000 volunteers removed nearly 576,571 pounds of trash and 109,494 pounds of recyclables from California's beaches, shorelines and inland waterways. Thanks to all of those who dedicated their time to cleaning up and making our environment a better place to live! 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.

Thank you for your help and we hope to see you again next year!



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Time Warner:	(888) 892-2253	Animal Services	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
Trash Collection (E.J. Harrison):	647-1414	Fire Department (non-emergency)	389-9710
Recycling & Hazardous Waste:	388-5392	Graffiti Reports	388-5338
Hazardous Waste Appt. Line:	987-0717	Police Department (non-emergency)	388-5100
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Code Compliance:	383-5660	www.camarillolibrary.org	
Public Works	388-5380	Social Services Hotline: 211	
Streets:	388-5338	Camarillo Government Channel	
Water:	388-5373	Channel 10 (Time Warner customers)	
Engineering:	388-5340	Channel 29 (Verizon FiOS customers)	
Traffic:	388-5340		
Water Reclamation:	388-5332		

