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It's Free! It's Green!

It's Another E-Waste Event

You say you didn't make it to the electronic waste collection event last year? Not to worry: you'll soon have another chance to recycle that ancient PC in your garage, those video games your kids outgrew long ago, and many other outmoded electronic items.



On Saturday, Jan. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Adolfo Camarillo High School (ACHS) Future Farmers of America will provide free e-waste collection to all City residents and businesses. This event will be held rain or shine at the Camarillo Community Center, 1605 Burnley Street. There's no charge and no appointment is needed.

What can you bring for recycling? Computers, printers, fax machines, computer components, copiers, cell phones, digital cameras, DVD players, keyboards, monitors, MP3 players, pagers, power supplies, scanners, server cabinets, speakers, stereo equipment, telephone equipment, TVs, Walkmans, wireless devices, and video games and systems.

The following items will not be accepted: household batteries; household/commercial appliances such as refrigerators, washers, and dryers; or any hazardous waste material (such as paint). The City's Odds-N-Ends Guide, which can be downloaded from the City's website at www.cityofcamarillo.org, is a good resource for locating places that will take these items.

To learn more about this e-waste event, call PC Recycle at (805) 499-0050.

How to 'Repurpose' Your Christmas Tree

Once more the holidays have whizzed by and we're into a brand-new year. Time to say goodbye to the glittery glamour and piney smell of our Christmas trees.

Here's a happy thought: our trees can serve another useful purpose if we dispose of them correctly. E.J. Harrison & Sons and the City of Camarillo make it easy. Simply remove all ornaments, hooks, lights, tinsel, bows, nails, and the tree stand. Cut the tree into four-foot sections and place them in your yard-waste barrel on your scheduled pickup day. You can recycle a flocked tree too. Trees collected will be processed into various sizes of mulch, which is used by Agromin to make products that benefit 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; flatten all boxes and place them alongside the recycling bin next to any extra trash in bags.

Let's all resolve to make 2015 our "greenest" New Year ever, starting with recycling our Christmas trees.

Nonprofits: Last Chance to Apply for Grants

You still have time, but the clock is ticking fast. The City of Camarillo will accept applications from local 501(c)(3) (nonprofit) groups and organizations for Community Service Grants and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 only until 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23. The new fiscal year for the grant programs begins July 1, 2015.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provides these grants to help create better communities by funding housing and public services and facilities, as well as by supporting economic-development activities.

Questions about CDBG should be directed to Michael Smith at (805) 388-5367 or msmith@cityofcamarillo.org. For Community Service Grant inquiries, contact Debbie Whitlock at (805) 383-5654 or dwhitlock@cityofcamarillo.org. Application packets are available at www.cityofcamarillo.org; click on "Grants" in the A-Z directory.

Does Your Home Need Some Rehabilitation?

Aging sneaks up on our houses just as it does on ourselves and our children. Before we know it, our homes need a new roof, improved insulation, better plumbing, or other repairs. But such fixes can be costly, making them easy to put off.

Here's good news: thanks to a special program for low and very low-income residents, you may be able to rehab your home." The City has a limited number of federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs) to make needed repairs and improvements to owner-occupied residences and mobile homes.

This rehabilitation assistance comes in the form of a low-interest loan with repayment deferred until the property is sold or the owner no longer lives there. In rare instances, grants—in other words, free money—are available to very low-income residents, when there isn't an ability to repay a loan nor sufficient value in the property. In all cases, an applicant must qualify as a low-income household. The maximum rehabilitation loan or grant is \$25,000.

As mentioned, funds are limited, so if you need them, please apply soon. The City and its consultant, Comprehensive Housing Services, administer the program. To discuss eligible repairs, improvements, eligible income limits, or other questions, contact Michael Smith at (805) 388-5367 or msmith@cityofcamarillo.org.



Police Offer Annual Citizens Academy



How would you like to tour a working CSI lab? Or go ride along with a police officer on patrol? Or hear true tales from S.W.A.T. team members? Sound interesting? It is! You'll get a chance to do all that and more when you sign up for the Camarillo Police Department's yearly Citizens Academy, starting Tuesday, Feb. 3.

The 12-week course provides members of the public with an overview of the Police Department's mission and operating procedures. Police officials and veteran officers use a curriculum and teaching methods similar to the traditional Police Academy (even though you're not being trained as police). The program is free, requiring only a commitment of three hours each Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m.

You'll learn from S.W.A.T. team members, the bomb squad, narcotics officers, a K-9 officer, and a superior court judge. You'll get to meet Camarillo's station commander and take a tour of the facility. And you'll go on field trips to the pre-trial detention facility (main jail), juvenile hall, dispatch center, crime lab (CSI), Sheriff's Training Academy, and heliport. Class members may also take part in a ride-along with a patrol deputy.

To qualify, you must be at least 18 years old, live or work in the Camarillo area, and have no felony or misdemeanor convictions within one year of applying. Pick up an application at the Camarillo Police Station, 3701 Las Posas Road. For more information, or to request an application by phone, call the Crime Prevention Unit at (805) 388-5155.

"Las Personas Son La Ciudad"

Your Yard, Your Watershed...Your Actions Matter!

When it comes to landscaping and gardening, we need to keep our environment in mind. Below are practices that will help you do just that.

- **Plant selection:** Select pest-resistant and drought-resistant native plants to use in your landscaping, so the need for pesticides, fertilizers, and water can be minimized. Visit Camarillo's Water-Wise Gardening website at www.camarillogardening.com for a list of recommended plants.
- **Fertilizers & pesticides:** Help keep the watershed free of pollutants by using pesticides and fertilizers correctly. Apply them only as needed and as directed on the label, and always store the containers under cover—out of the rain! Avoid using pesticides or fertilizers around water, drains, or bare ground. Also, if rain is forecast within 24 hours, hold off on using them. **Note:** Pesticides containing diazinon or chlorpyrifos have been banned. These should be taken to your local Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Camarillo residents can make an appointment for disposal by calling (805) 987-0717.
- **Integrated pest management (IPM):** As an eco-friendly approach to effective pest management, the goal of IPM is to use less-toxic methods that result in using fewer pesticides. For example, a pest problem can be handled by incorporating beneficial insects, such as lady bugs, into your garden. For more on IPM, visit www.ipm.ucdavis.edu.
- **Maintenance:** Clear, remove, and recycle yard debris, placing it in your yard waste or compost bin. If organic waste ends up in a storm drain, it can create flooding and pollute the watershed.

Questions? Call the City's Stormwater Program Manager at (805) 383-5659 or visit www.cleanwatershed.org.

When Do I Need a Permit for Home Improvements?

If you're like most of us, you're unsure whether or not a permit is needed for common repairs or desirable upgrades around the house. Here's a short list of repairs and upgrades that need a permit and another for work that doesn't require one. If in doubt, call the Building and Safety Division at (805) 388-5395 and speak to a member of our helpful staff.

What requires a permit?

- Changing out windows
- Replacing a furnace or air conditioner
- Solar panels
- Converting tub to a shower or a shower to a tub
- Above ground spa-electrical permit
- Upgrading electrical meters
- Replacing roof coverings
- Re-piping (either a portion or all of the house)
- Replacing plumbing fixtures: toilets, sinks, tubs, showers, water softeners
- Replacing wood siding or stucco
- Replacing a water heater

What does *not* require a permit?

- New or replacement cabinetry
- Countertops • Tiling • Carpeting • Painting • Backyard play equipment
- Fences 6' high or less (however, please check with Community Development)
- Window air-conditioners, as long as they plug into the wall
- Tool and storage sheds under 120 square feet (again, please check with Community Development)
- Retaining walls 3 feet high or less with a level backfill
- Sidewalks and concrete patios not more than 30 inches high

Please note that the following common upgrade items require a zone-clearance approval—a simple planning permit from the Department of Community Development—in addition to any building permit that may be required.

- Utility sheds 120 square feet or less (no fee applies)
- Room additions and balconies
- Front yard drought-tolerant landscape plans, front yard southwestern-theme landscape plans, and front yard synthetic/artificial grass (no fees apply)
- Patio covers, gazebos, trellis covers, arbors, and patio enclosures
- Pool, pool equipment, and equipment enclosures
- Tree houses and play houses
- Ground- and roof-mounted solar panels

We hope these lists clear up your questions about permits for home-improvement projects. If not, please call Building and Safety at (805) 388-5395.

Wonderful Winter Programs at the Camarillo Library

Special Events

- United Blood Services will host a **blood drive** at the library on Thurs., Jan. 15 from 3 to 7 p.m. Register at the library or on www.blood4life.org using sponsor code 8939.
- As part of African-American History Month, renowned **storyteller Diane Ferlatte** will present “Have I Got a Story to Tell” on Tue., Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.
- Celebrate **Chinese New Year** on the library lawn, Sat., Feb. 21. Lion dancers, acrobats, food trucks, and more!

Children’s Programs

- **Toddler Storytime:** Mondays at 10 a.m., Jan. 5 through Feb. 9
- **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., Jan. 6 through Feb. 18
- **Esper A. Peterson Homework Center (K-8 students)** is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m., and Thursdays from 2 to 6 p.m.
- **PAWs for Reading:** Read a story to certified therapy dogs, Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 5 through Feb. 25, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Vote in the **Kids’ Book Choice Awards** from Jan. 5 through 24; award ceremony to be held on Sat., Jan. 31 at 10 a.m.
- **LEGOS/Game Day:** Saturdays, Jan. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Feb. 14 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Enjoy stories and songs in French at our new **Francophone Fridays**, Jan. 16, 23, and 30, and Feb. 6 and 13 at 10 a.m.
- **Valentine’s Day Stories and Crafts** on Sat., Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Kindermusik with Katie** offers music, movement, and stories, Feb. 23, 24, and 25 at 10 a.m.

Teen Programs (ages 12 – 18 years)

- **First Thursday Teen Movie Nights:** “YA Books to Movies” at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5 — *Maze Runner* [PG-13]
- **Third Thursday Teen MakerSpace from 6 to 8 p.m.** Jan. 15 — **Return of the Felties!** Make your own hand-stitched critters. Feb. 19 — **Balloon Power:** What can you fuel with a balloon? A helicopter? Car? Crane? Hovercraft?!
- **“Dare to Prepare,”** an interactive driving workshop for pre-permit teens and parents, Thurs., Jan. 29 from 6 to 8:15 p.m.
- **“Build, Fly, and Win”** at our first ever **Kite Contest**, Sat., Feb. 7 from 2 to 4 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

- **Master Gardeners of Ventura County** return with a Water-Wise Gardening Series on select Saturdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Jan. 10: “Plant Selection for a Water-Wise Front Yard” Feb. 7: “Water-Saving Irrigation Systems for a Water-Wise Front Yard”
- **The Camarillo Library Camera Club** welcomes photographers of all ages and experience on Jan. 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **LA Opera Talks** are presented by Steve Kohn of the Opera League of Los Angeles on select Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 21: “Puccini’s Women” Jan. 28: “The Many Moods of Giuseppe Verdi”
- **“In Conversation With...Igor Davis,”** author of *The Beatles and Me On Tour*, Jan. 24 at 2 p.m.
- **Tuesday Morning Book Club:** *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt on Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. *The Hummingbird’s Daughter* by Luis Alberto Urrea on Feb. 10 at 11 a.m.
- **Thursday Evening Book Club:** *The Flamethrowers* by Rachel Kushner on Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.
- **Must-See Movies for Adults:** Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 8 — *Chef* [R] Jan. 15 — *The Grand Seduction* [PG-13] Jan. 22 — *The Hundred-Foot Journey* [PG]

Russell Fischer Business Collection

- **“Do Connections Really Matter?”** 805connect presents this informative seminar, Wed., Jan. 7 from 7 to 8 p.m.
- **OPEN’s Networking with Professionals:** Resumé scrubs, mock interviews, and more, Fri., Jan. 9 and Feb. 6, 9 a.m. to noon.
- **U.S. Small Business Administration’s HUBZone and 8(a) Business Development Programs**, Thurs., Jan. 15, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
- **Camarillo Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Winter Community Expo**, Tue., Jan. 20 from 4 to 7 p.m.
- **Channel Islands Chapter of Better Investing** presents “Income and Growth, Why Not Both?” Jan. 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **“Build Your Marketing Toolkit with Constant Contact,”** Thurs., Jan. 29 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **“Creating a Culture of Awareness”:** Improve team production and job satisfaction, Tue., Feb. 3 from 8:30 to 10 a.m.
- **“How to Market Your Business on a Shoestring Budget,”** Fri., Feb. 20 from 8 to 10 a.m.
- **“Campaigns that Drive Action: Offers and Promotions,”** Thurs., Feb. 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The library is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The library will be closed Jan. 19 and Feb. 16. Contact us at (805) 388-5222 or visit us online at www.camarillolibrary.org.

We are located at 4101 Las Posas Road.



January 2015

3 **FREE, E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENT**
9 A.M.- 1 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY STREET
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 499-0050

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.-12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507

9, 10 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
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Seniors, Help Us to Help You

The Camarillo Council on Aging (CCOA), in partnership with the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VC-AAA), is conducting a countywide survey to collect data on current senior services and future needs. The results of the survey will be broken down by zip code allowing CCOA to analyze the data specific to the Camarillo area. Then, along with its local partners—the City, Camarillo Health Care District, and Pleasant Valley Recreation and Parks District—the CCOA will strategize about how best to meet senior needs. If you're 60 years old or older, the CCOA wants to hear from you. Please complete the survey online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/VCAAACommunitySurvey. You can also pick up and drop off surveys at the following locations by Jan. 15, 2015:

City Clerk's Office
Camarillo City Hall
601 Carmen Drive
Camarillo, CA 93010
(805) 388-5316

Camarillo Health Care
District
3687 E. Las Posas Road
Bldg. H, Suite 188
Camarillo, CA 93010
(805) 388-1952

Senior Center
Pleasant Valley Recreation
and Parks District
1605 E. Burnley Street
Camarillo, CA 93010
(805) 482-4881

Apply Now to Help Guide Your City

Would you like to “give back” to your community? Get involved in a new and rewarding activity? Meet interesting neighbors? Have an impact on decisions made about City projects? If so, here's your chance.

Someone once said, “If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem.” That's definitely true in the area of community affairs. Right now the City has volunteer openings on the committees listed below. These committees meet either monthly or as needed. Why not join one of our solution teams?

Camarillo Council on Aging	2 positions
*Camarillo Ranch Foundation Board	5 positions
Citizen Advisory Committee on Land Use	12 positions
Investment Committee	1 position
*Rent Review Commission:	
Multi-family Member (Owner Alternate)	1 position
Multi-family Member (Tenant Alternate)	1 position
Mobile Home Member (Owner)	1 position
Mobile Home Member (Owner Alternate)	1 position
Mobile Home Member (Tenant)	1 position
Public Member	1 position
Ventura County:	
Air Pollution Control District Advisory Committee	1 position
Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board	1 position
*Area Housing Authority	1 position
Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	1 position



City of Camarillo
APPLICATION FOR CAMARILLO
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

The Camarillo City Council is seeking citizens to serve on City boards, commissions and committees to assist and advise the Council on specific matters. Please type or print clearly and attach a resume or list of qualifications. All applicants must reside within the Camarillo city limits, unless an exception is permitted. Information regarding the various boards, commissions, and committees is available from the City Clerk.

In addition to submitting this application, you may be asked to participate in an interview process. This application and anything submitted with it is a public record.

APPLICATION FOR: (Name of board, commission or committee) _____

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: (day) _____ (night) _____

E-MAIL: _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: (House) _____ (City) _____ (Zip Code) _____

Years of Residency in Camarillo: _____

Present Occupation & Place of Employment: _____

Education background: _____

(Current school & grade if applicable) _____

Memberships in community organizations or professional groups: _____

Past service on City or County boards/commissions/committees and dates: _____

Other City board/commission/committee you would like to be considered for: _____

Applications are available at www.cityofcamarillo.org and at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 601 Carmen Drive. An application, along with a current resume, must be submitted to the City Clerk no later than Jan. 30. If you would like further information about any of the vacancies, contact the City Clerk at (805) 388-5316.

*Appointees must file Statement of Economic Interest Forms. For more information, see www.fppc.ca.gov.

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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

Finance 388-5320
Accounts Payable: 388-5352
Business Licenses: 388-5330
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Community Development 388-5360
Code Compliance: 383-5660

Public Works 388-5380
Streets: 388-5338
Water: 388-5373
Engineering: 388-5340
Traffic: 388-5340
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
Camarillo Post Office (800) 275-8777

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www.cityofcamarillo.org

City E-mail Address
cityhall@cityofcamarillo.org

Camarillo Library Website
www.camarillolibrary.org

Social Services Hotline: 211

Camarillo Government Channel

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

