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Water Sustainability “Now” and in the Future!

Approximately 40% of the water that comes out of your faucet is pumped from existing groundwater supplies. The other 60% is purchased from Calleguas Municipal Water District, a wholesale supplier which imports water from Metropolitan Water District and the Northern California Bay Delta region, hundreds of miles away.

Severe drought conditions have resulted in the need to conserve water, and the prediction of more cutbacks in the future have demonstrated the unreliability of our most precious resource. As water supplies dwindle, cities and citizens must continually work together and find ways to be more efficient in its use. Finding new and inventive ways to expand our water supply in addition to conserving water is important to ensuring long-term water supply reliability.

The City of Camarillo heavily promotes water conservation and is making every effort to ensure citizens have enough water in the future. Recently, the City finished construction of a Recycled Water System and will begin delivering recycled water to irrigate park athletic fields, landscape parkways, agriculture, and other areas in the southeast portion of the City. This recycled water will replace millions of gallons of expensive imported water.

What’s more, working with several water agencies, Camarillo is starting a project to develop a Groundwater Treatment Facility that seeks to further diversify the region’s water supply and reduce our reliance on imported water. Even with these projects, we still need everyone to continue saving water.

Learn more about how to conserve water indoors and outdoors by visiting the City’s Water Wise Gardening webpage at www.camarillogardening.com or by taking advantage of a number of water saving rebates that are available on the Metropolitan Water District’s webpage at www.socalwatersmart.com.

Parent Project Helps Our Youth

Camarillo police officers want to help your children reach their scholastic and personal-growth potential. They know that in today’s society, children face many obstacles, bad influences, and distractions—which create added difficulties for the parent(s) trying to raise them. Some children engage in harmful behaviors fueled by negative social influences, including alcohol, drugs, gangs, and peer pressure.

The Camarillo Police Department is offering a parenting class on Thursday evenings for ten weeks starting on March 5. Parents with difficult, defiant, or problematic children are especially encouraged to attend. However, parents of middle and high school age students will also benefit from this course.

The course content consists of ways to address drugs, sex, gangs, poor grades, runaways, and violence. Additional content includes guidance in gaining children’s compliance on house rules, how to never argue with your child again, and how to use other parents for support. This course is free; however, there is a \$20 fee for the course workbook. For more information, call the Camarillo Police Department’s Community Resource Unit at (805) 388-5155.

Free Electronic Waste Round-Up

If you're like most of us, you probably have a few old electrical gadgets accumulating in your closet or garage, right? If so, here's your chance to dispose of them properly. Saturday, March 7, the Future Farmers of America and PC Recycle are teaming up once more with the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District to host a free e-waste collection event. This event will be held rain or shine from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Camarillo Community Center, 1605 Burnley Street; open to all City residents and businesses, no appointment needed.



What to bring: computers and computer components, fax machines, VCR/DVD/CD players, keyboards, MP3 units, power supplies, server cabinets, stereo equipment, TVs, Walkmans, pagers, speakers, telephone equipment, wireless devices, monitors, scanners, video game systems, audio/visual equipment, cellular phones, copiers, corrupted flash drives, and digital cameras.

What *NOT* to bring: Household/commercial appliances such as refrigerators, washers, and dryers, or any hazardous material waste such as paint and household batteries. (To dispose of these items, see our article on spring cleaning to cut clutter, also in this issue.)

Funds from selling the collected e-waste after the event will benefit the Adolfo Camarillo High School Future Farmers of America. Questions? Call PC Recycle at (805) 499-0050.

It's Time to Stomp Out the Blight of Cigarette Butts!

Everyone has seen cigarette butts littering our roadways, sidewalks, parks, streams, and beaches. You can help prevent cigarette litter from entering our waterways! Cigarettes constitute a large portion of litter found in our neighborhoods and surrounding ecosystems. Though small, they have a large impact on the health and beauty of the environment. Cigarette waste contains toxic chemicals that stay present in the environment for many years. Cigarette butts that are not properly disposed of are likely to travel by stormwater runoff through drains and pollute our rivers and oceans, which may harm aquatic life.

To prevent cigarette litter, properly dispose of them in a designated waste receptacle. A clean and healthy watershed is a beautiful watershed, which is why it is important to prevent litter from entering our storm drains. For more information on how you can help keep our waterways clean, please call the City's Stormwater Program Manager at (805) 383-5659, or visit www.cleanwatershed.org.

Special Care for Special Needs



Do you live alone, or know of someone who lives alone, and may need special assistance during an emergency? Please contact the City of Camarillo about our *Special Needs Emergency Operations Center Roster*.

The Special Needs Roster could be for someone who receives treatment for dialysis or another medical condition. The roster could also be for an elderly resident with mobility issues.

If an evacuation is required after a major earthquake or other incident, we want to know the locations of our residents with special needs.

If you reside in an assisted-living facility, please consult your facility manager, because such facilities have staff in place to care for their residents during emergencies.

The Special Needs Roster is *confidential*, and is maintained in the City's Emergency Operations Center. To have your name, or the name of someone you know placed on the roster, please contact Heidi Zahrt at (805) 383-5688, or hzahrt@cityofcamarillo.org.

Graffiti Hurts Us All: Report It!

Some people believe graffiti is a harmless artistic activity. It's not. Instead it hurts communities aesthetically and economically by decreasing feelings of safety, lowering property values, draining tax dollars, and sending a message that no one cares. That's why the City of Camarillo strives to have all graffiti removed within 48 hours.

The City developed a successful, two-pronged approach to prevent the spread of this destructive vandalism through greater police enforcement (including restitution paid by taggers for graffiti clean-up and property damage), and public assistance in identifying taggers via confidential phone calls.

Residents, businesses, and visitors should call (805) 388-5338 to report graffiti as quickly as possible, noting vital information such as a description of the tagger(s) and vehicle information. Under no circumstances should vandals be directly confronted, since they can be very dangerous and possibly armed. Be observant but safe!

Got That Dog License Yet?

All dogs over four months old residing within City limits are required by law to have a current license—even dogs that live only indoors or are confined by fences. A current license tells Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) where your pet lives. That means beloved pets can be returned to their owners if they get lost. Ventura County is a rabies-declared area, and the licensing program helps to ensure public safety by requiring proof of a rabies vaccination.

Here's how to license your dog:

1. Have your dog vaccinated against rabies. Vaccinations are available at rabies clinics for as little as \$6 (cash only). For dates and locations, visit the VCAS website at www.vcas.us.
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 spay/neuter. Keep in mind, you can avoid a penalty if your dog is licensed by four months old or within 30 days of acquiring it. 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. Please make sure your dog license is current. For more information, call Ventura County Animal Services at (805) 388-4341 (option 6).

Help Us Help Our Seniors

The Camarillo Council on Aging (CCOA) is a five member board established by the City Council to identify the needs of senior citizens in our local community and act as an intermediary between the senior community, the City Council and other local organizations and agencies. Ongoing CCOA projects include the *Senior Resource Guide* and supporting local senior activities. The CCOA wants your input on establishing priorities and fundraising ideas to support senior needs. If you are interested in participating, contact the Council on Aging via email at camarilocouncilonaging@gmail.com or leave a voicemail message at (805) 910-7453. Visit our website at www.cityofcamarillo.org, Living, Seniors, for more information about the CCOA.

Volunteer at the Camarillo Ranch

Interested in joining the Camarillo Ranch family? Why not become a volunteer? On Thursday, March 5, you are invited to a Docent Training Meeting from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. The meeting is designed to inform and inspire potential volunteers. Docent and volunteer duties include special event assistance, leading house tours and school tours through Adolfo Camarillo's 1892 Queen Anne Victorian Mansion, selling merchandise in the Gift Shop, and working with the Camarillo Ranch Foundation Board and staff to help maintain the historic venue. RSVP to info@camarilloranch.org. For more information, please call the Ranch Office at (805) 389-8182 or visit the Ranch website www.camarilloranch.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

"The People Are The City"

Camarillo Reads: One City, One Book

The Camarillo Library and the Friends of the Camarillo Library would like to invite the entire community to read Garth Stein's *The Art of Racing in the Rain* for the fourth annual "Camarillo Reads: One City, One Book" program. Throughout March, the library will be hosting a selection of related discussions, films, and special events that celebrate the indomitable spirit possessed by the novel's protagonists, as well as all things canine.

Special Events

- Local Artist Aimee French teaches **Tips from Denny and Enzo: How to Draw Like a Race Car Driver**, Saturday, Mar. 14 from 2 to 3 p.m.
- **Dog Adoption Event and Expo** with the Ventura County Animal Shelter and VC Search and Rescue, Saturday, Mar. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Timber Hawkeye, author of *Buddhist Boot Camp*, shares **How to Live and Love Life Like a Puppy**, Sunday, Mar. 22 at 2 p.m.
- Join *The Art of Racing in the Rain* author Garth Stein for an **Author Talk and Book Signing**, Sunday, Mar. 29 at 4 p.m.
- Canine Cinema: Delightful dog movies, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 12 — *Hachi: A Dog's Tale* [G]

Mar. 19 — *Eight Below* [PG]

Mar. 26 — *Marley & Me* [PG]

Children's Programs

- **LEGOS/Game Day**: Saturdays, Mar. 14 and Apr. 11 from 10 am to 4 p.m.
- Enjoy stories and songs in French at **Francophone Fridays**, Mar. 6, 13, 20, and 27; also Apr. 3 and 10 at 10 a.m.
- VC Reading Association members share **California Young Reader Medals** nominees, Tuesday, Mar. 24 at 3:30 p.m.
- **Rebecca Strawberry** performs **Springtime Songs** in the Pirate Ship, Tuesday, Mar. 31 at 10 a.m.
- Sparkle like Elsa, sing like Anna, and dance like Olaf at our screening of *Frozen*, Wednesday, Apr. 1 at 10 a.m.
- **Teen Advisory Board** members host a **Stuffed Animal Storytime** and **Teddy Bear Sleepover** for ages 3—7, Saturday, Apr. 4 at 10 a.m.
- **UCLA Focus** presents "1, 2, 3 Exhale: Helping Your Preschooler Cope With Emotions" on Saturday, Apr. 25 at 10 a.m. Program limited to military families. Email mgoldberg@camarillolibrary.org to register.
- Join **Kindermusik with Katie** for music, movement, and stories, Apr. 27, 28, and 29 at 10 a.m.

Teen Programs (ages 12-18)

- **First Thursday Teen Movie Nights** — "YA Books (well, usually) to Movies" at 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 5 — *Guardians of the Galaxy* [PG-13] Apr. 2 — *Juno* [PG-13]
- **Third Thursday Teen MakerSpace** from 6 to 8 p.m.
Mar. 19 — Wire Art! Create some artistic (or ugly) stuff using wire and jewelry parts.
Apr. 16 — Wearable LEDS! Wire, solder, assemble, and wear some LED lights.
- Get creative with odd and interesting junk at **It's Not Trash... It's Art?**, Saturday, Mar. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Adult Programs

- **Camarillo Library Camera Club**: meets Wednesday, Mar. 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **Medicare 101**: Program expert Belinda Lang presents Wednesday, Mar. 18 at 6:30 p.m.
- "**Social Security Savior**" Tim Wilbur explains financial options Wednesday, Mar. 25 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Comedian Jason Love** performs as part of **National Humor Month**, Sunday, Apr. 12 from 2 to 3 p.m.
- Screening of **Consider the Conversation** and discussion of end-of-life decisions with Dr. Dial of Livingston Memorial, Thursday, Apr. 16 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
- **Must See Movies for Adults**: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Apr. 9 — *The Theory of Everything* [PG-13]
Apr. 16 — *St. Vincent* [PG-13] Apr. 23 — *The Judge* [R] Apr. 30 — *Into the Woods* [PG]

Russell Fischer Business Collection

- **OPEN's Networking with Professionals**: Fridays, Mar. 6 and Apr. 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Learn **The Benefits of Refreshing Your Branding** from Dave Pollock and Amy Phillips, Monday, Mar. 16 from 8 to 10 a.m.
- Clare Briglio shares **How to Start Your Own Arts and Crafts Business**, Friday, Mar. 20 from 10 to 11:15 a.m.
- "**Email Marketing Strategies**," Thursday, Mar. 26 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Learn the elements of a business plan with "**Access to Capital**," Friday, Apr. 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Expand your audience with "**How to Build Buzz with Social Media**," Thursday, Apr. 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Methods of Masters** – "**Build the Skills of Building Skills**," Tuesday, Apr. 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.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. Contact us at (805) 388-5222 or visit us online at www.camarillolibrary.org. We are located at 4101 Las Posas Road.



March 2015

7 **FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE ROUND-UP**
9 A.M.- 1 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY ST.
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 499-0050
WWW.PCRECYCLE.US

7, 14, 21, 28 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.-12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507

9 **MEADOWLARK SERVICE LEAGUE**
CHARITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND LUNCHEON
8:30 A.M.- 2 P.M., CALL 630-7257 OR VISIT
WWW.MEADOWLARKSERVICELEAGUE.COM

13, 14 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG

April 2015

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **PLEASANT VALLEY CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
3 P.M. TO 6 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY ST., 482-1996
WWW.PVRPD.ORG

4, 11, 18, 25 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.-12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507

4 **FREE EGGSTRAVAGANZA**
10 A.M.- 3 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY ST., 482-1996
WWW.PVRPD.ORG

10, 11 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG

24 **CAMARILLO OLD TOWN CRUISE NIGHT**
5 P.M. - 8 P.M., VENTURA BLVD.
FOR DETAILS, CALL TOM MALONEY 443-9219
WWW.CAMARILLO-OLDTOWN.COM

Classic Car Cruise Night

Hey, all you classic car buffs, get ready to ooh and aaah over your favorite old wheels. Classic Car Cruise Night begins Friday, Apr. 24, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and will continue on the fourth Friday of each month through Sept. 25.

You'll enjoy pre-1980 vintage cars on display along Ventura Boulevard between Elm and Fir Streets in the beautifully restored Camarillo Old Town business district.

The Camarillo Old Town Association hosts Classic Car Cruise Night. To learn more, call Tom Maloney at (805) 443-9219.

Spring Cleaning? Here's How to Cut Your Clutter

What's the toughest part of spring cleaning? For many of us, it's figuring out what to do with that dinged-up old desk, moth-eaten carpet remnant, and other clutter you've decided must go. Good news: many programs exist to help you make sure your clutter is properly recycled, reused, or disposed. A few options are listed below.

Bulky Item Disposal—(805) 647-1414

If you receive a trash bill from the City, you are allowed two bulky items picked up—at no extra charge—per calendar year (not including special disposal). Examples of accepted items include mattresses, dishwashers, water heaters, furniture, and tree stumps that weigh less than 50 pounds. For an extended list of acceptable items, or to schedule a bulky item pick-up, call E.J. Harrison & Sons at (805) 647-1414.

For non-City customers, E.J. Harrison charges \$25 per bulky item, plus fees for special handling of discards such as Freon and cathode ray tubes. (City customers may request special handling, too, for the same fees).

Refuse Bin Rental—(805) 647-1414

Large roll-off containers and smaller bins for use during renovation or large clean-up projects are available for rent from E.J. Harrison & Sons. Call (805) 647-1414 for information concerning this service. Customers will be billed directly.

Household Hazardous Waste—(805) 987-0717

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), such as paint, solvents, pesticides, pool chemicals, household cleaners, household batteries, button batteries (used for hearing aids and cameras), and fluorescent tubes and bulbs, must *NOT* be discarded in your solid waste or recycling barrels. The City's HHW drop-off center is open the second consecutive Friday and Saturday of each month, by appointment only. These items can harm people, animals, and the environment if not properly discarded.

Used motor oil and oil filters may be recycled at our HHW drop-off center or at any state-certified recycling center. Call 1-800-CLEANUP for the location of a center near you.

Electronic Waste (E-Waste)—(805) 388-6068

Computers, printers, monitors, and "peripherals" (any device used with a PC, such as a flash drive), TVs, VCRs, DVD players, fax machines, stereos, radios, cell phones, speakers, and other electronic waste must *NOT* be discarded in landfills because they may contain hazardous materials. Instead, go to a free e-waste recycling event such as the one on March 7 (see related article) or take them to be recycled *free of charge* at *G&C Technologies, 90 Camarillo Street, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

The City's "Odds-N-Ends Guide," available to download and print at www.cityofcamarillo.org, is a great source for more reuse, recycle, and disposal information. Or you may call the City's recycling coordinator at (805) 388-5392.



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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

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Streets: 388-5338
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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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Camarillo Government Channel
Channel 10 (Time Warner customers)
Channel 29 (Verizon FiOS customers)

