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Every Day is the Water-Wise Way

State regulations say we must. The City of Camarillo's conservation ordinance says we must. And concern for our families and communities says we must, too. What? You guessed it: We must all do our part to help protect the most valuable resource on the planet—water!

By incorporating simple, daily water-saving routines, homeowners can save hundreds of gallons of water every week. Here's how your household can save 60 or more gallons a day:

- * Turn off the water while brushing teeth.
- * Shorten showers to five minutes.
- * Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.
- * Fix leaking faucets.

What about outdoors? That's where most water is used. Homeowners can save over 65 gallons each day with these tips:

- * Water your yard in the early morning to prevent wasting water through evaporation.
- * Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways.
- * Fix broken and leaking sprinklers.
- * Replace water-loving vegetation with drought-tolerant plants.

Also, be sure to shut off sprinklers for five days after it rains.

The City of Camarillo has more great water-saving gardening ideas at www.camarillogardening.com. Check out www.bewaterwise.com, too. You'll find rebates for rain barrels and soil moisture-sensor systems. Turf-removal rebates start at \$2 a square foot. Details on Camarillo's current conservation ordinance can be found at www.cityofcamarillo.org.

Free Document Shred Event!



On **Saturday, June 6**, the Camarillo Council on Aging (CCOA) and Access will host a free, secure paper-shred event at the **Camarillo Community Center, 1605 Burnley Street, from 8 to 12 noon**. Thanks to Access, this service is free to all City residents and businesses. Proceeds from the event will benefit the CCOA.

Discarding personal and confidential information in your household trash is a dangerous practice that can make you susceptible to identity theft. Documents containing Social Security numbers and other identifying information, including credit card statements, applications, receipts, medical records, bank statements, tax and other legal documents should all be shredded.

Access will shred documents on site with a per-customer maximum of ten boxes (15"X12"X9") or 12 grocery bags of documents. Once the shred trucks are filled, collection will stop.

Protect your personal information by taking advantage of this free shred event. For additional information, please call Access at (805) 529-6866.

Hide Your Valuables and Lock Your Vehicle!



Did you know that in the United States about 1.85 million thefts from vehicles are reported each year, with about 1.255 billion personal items and accessories stolen? Unfortunately, Camarillo retailers are part of these statistics. Since January 2015, the number of reported vehicle burglaries and retail thefts has drastically increased. The vast majority of these incidents have been committed during afternoon shopping hours by thieves who enter vehicles by breaking windows and opening unlocked doors.

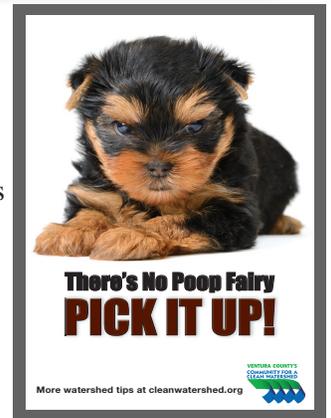
The individuals committing these crimes often work in crews, canvassing shopping center parking lots and surrounding city neighborhoods to identify easy targets, such as vehicles with valuables in plain sight.

On average it takes only about 30 seconds to enter a vehicle and remove items of value. What can you do to help reduce these crimes? Two main things. First, remove your valuables from the cab area of your vehicle and be sure all doors and windows are locked. Second, call the Camarillo Police Department at (805) 654-9511 or 911 to report any suspicious activity you observe in parking lots or neighborhoods. Don't be a victim: stash visible goods and lock your vehicle securely every time you stop to shop.

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 creeks and the ocean? Don't they know that bacteria and parasites in this waste threaten the health of not only wildlife but of humans as well? What's more, nutrients found in the waste may cause excess weed and algae growth. When picking up dog waste, bag it, tie it securely, and properly dispose of the waste in a trash receptacle. 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 information about pollution prevention, visit www.cleanwatershed.org or call the City of Camarillo at (805) 383-5659.

VC Alert Emergency Notification System

Will you hear about a crisis in time to protect yourself and your loved ones? Ventura County Alert (VC Alert) is an emergency notification system that may be used to deliver alerts when there is a threat to the health and/or safety of county residents.

In addition to emergency information, you may:

- Select to receive messages regarding crime alerts, road closures, and public meetings.
- Choose locations you want to be contacted about—your home, your parents' home, your workplace, and/or your child's school.
- Receive alerts on your home phone, cellular phone, work phone, by e-mail, text messaging, facsimile, or instant messaging.



The VC Alert database already includes some landline and cell phone numbers. Is yours among them? Please register online at www.vcalert.org to ensure that we have your current contact information. If you do not have access to a computer, simply register by dialing (805) 648-9283.

"Las Personas Son La Ciudad"

Obey the Law—License Your Dog

Quickie quiz: true or false?

- Puppies under a year old do not need a license.
- Dogs that only live indoors are exempt from licensing requirements.
- Pet owners in Ventura County do not need to worry about rabies.

These statements are all false. Here's the truth: Any dog over four months old residing within Camarillo City limits is required by law to have a current license—even one that lives only indoors or is confined by fences. (If you acquire an unlicensed adult dog, you must license it within 30 days.) And Ventura County is a rabies-declared area, so licensing helps ensure public safety because it requires proof of a rabies vaccination. A license tag also helps Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) return pets if they get lost.

Save \$55 by Sterilizing!

The dog license fee is \$20 for an altered (sterile) pet and \$75 for an unaltered (fertile) pet. That means you'll save \$55 every year by getting your animal spayed or neutered before licensing it. Not sure you want to? Check the VCAS's recently revamped website, www.vcas.us, for "Top ten reasons to Spay/Neuter your pets," including a healthier pet and fewer homeless puppies (under the "Resources & Info" tab). If you're renewing a current dog license, VCAS provides vouchers worth \$40 to \$65 toward spaying/neutering that pet; vouchers must be picked up in person from VCAS before the operation. Here are two other places to contact for spaying/neutering: (1) Mercy Crusade Spay & Neuter Clinic, 2252 Craig Drive, Oxnard, (805) 278-4433; and (2) the Humane Society of Ventura County, 402 Bryant Street, Ojai, (805) 646-6505.

Vaccinate, Then Apply or Renew

As mentioned above, before you can get a dog license, your pet must be vaccinated against rabies. For as little as \$6 cash, VCAS offers vaccinations at rabies clinics at different sites each month. To learn more about future dates and locations, look under the "Programs and Services" pull-down menu at the VCAS website. Veterinarian offices also offer vaccinations; call a local veterinarian to find out how much the vaccine costs.

Once you have your rabies certificate, a dog license may be obtained or renewed online or in person at any VCAS location, such as the Camarillo Adoption Center at 600 Aviation Drive. Some vets also offer licensing; a complete list of local licensing sites is another item you can access under "Programs and Services" on the VCAS website.

Keep in mind that 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 make spaying or neutering a reason to put off getting a license until after those deadlines.

Dog licenses are good for one year as long as the rabies certificate is valid during the entire period. Please be a responsible, legal dog owner: make sure your canine pal has a current license—and consider spaying or neutering all your pets. For more information, please call Ventura County Animal Services at (805) 388-4341 (option 5).

Rally at the Ranch: Hot Rods, Great Grub, Cool Brews

The Camarillo Ranch Car Show & Food Truck Rally will take place on Sunday, June 28, from noon to 4 p.m. The Ventura County Corvette Club will have their vintage 'Vettes on display in the Red Barn, plus many more pre-1980s classic cars will grace the main lawn. General admission tickets are only \$10 each (\$20 with five tasting vouchers) and kids 12 and under get in free, so bring the whole family to the ranch at 201 Camarillo Ranch Road.

In addition to hot rods, 10 food trucks—including Scratch Food Truck, Cousins Maine Lobster, and The Grilled Cheese Truck—will be selling gourmet grub. Local breweries and wineries will be on site for tastings. Entertainment includes a 50/50 raffle, live music by The Tempo Cats, and a \$5 cash bar.

Tickets are available online at www.camranchcarshow.eventbrite.com. For a full list of participating food trucks, breweries, and wineries, visit www.camarilloranch.org or call (805) 389-8182.



Spring into Amazing Events at the Camarillo Library

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Events

- **Bonsai Expo** featuring the Conejo Valley Bonsai Society, Saturday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Storyteller **Barbara Wong** tells “Tales of Asia and the Pacific Islands,” Tuesday, May 5 at 7 p.m.
- Screening of the Esther Eng documentary *Golden Gate Girls*, Thursday, May 28 at 3 p.m.
- Japanese drum group **Togen Daiko** shares the art and culture of taiko drumming, Sunday, May 31 at 2 p.m.

Children’s Programs—Weekly Story Times

- **Toddler Storytime:** Mondays at 10 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
- **Family Storytime:** Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
- **Esper A Peterson Homework Center** (K-8 students) is open Mondays through Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Thursdays from 2 to 6 p.m., through June 11.
- Enjoy stories and songs in French at **Francophone Fridays**, May 1, 8, and 15 at 10 a.m.
- **LEGOS/Game Day:** Two Saturdays, May 9 and June 13, from 10 to 4 p.m.
- **Teen Storytime Workshop**, Saturday, June 6, from 10 to 12 p.m. Sign up at the Children’s Desk or call (805) 388-5755.
- Keep cool at our **Summer Sing-Along with TJ Zeiler**, Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p.m.
- This year’s **Summer Reading Program** is “Read to the Rhythm,” sponsored by the Friends of the Camarillo Library; from June 14 through August 31, you can track your summer reading and receive prizes!
- Have a grand old time at **Ye Ole Music Festival**, Monday, June 15 at 2 p.m.
- Don’t miss **LEGO and Gametime Tuesdays**, June 16 through July 28 at 2 p.m.
- Experience music, stories, and more during **Wonderful, Wacky Wednesdays** at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.:
June 17 — Interactive music with **One World Rhythm** June 24 — Stories, songs, rhymes, and mimes with **JP Nightingale**
- Join us for a variety of crafts, dances, songs, and more at **Musical Mondays**, June 22 through July 27 at 2 p.m.

Teen Programs (ages 12-18)

- Get a *free book* at the **Teen Book Club** and discuss it the following month: two Saturdays, May 16 and June 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- **First Thursday Teen Movie Nights** — “YA Books (well, usually) to Movies” at 6:30 p.m.— May 7 — *Easy A* [PG-13]
- **Teen Advisory Board** meets two Saturdays, May 16 and June 20, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Lots of fun, a great group, and an excellent way to earn Community Service Hours.
- **Third Thursday Teen MakerSpace**
May 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. — **Switch-Plate Covers:** Switches need not be dull and boring; brighten them up!
June 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. — **Cardboard Construction:** Do a team project and build something big!
- Pursue your passion at the **Teen Writers Club**, Monday, June 1 from 4 to 6 p.m.
- **NEW for summer! Teen Movie Afternoons** from 2 to 4 p.m. June 4 — *Plan 9 from Outer Space* [PG-13]
- The **GREAT GAME** returns Friday, June 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. Registration opens May 2 and is required.

Adult Programs

- The traveling exhibition **War Comes Home: The Legacy** will be on display in the foyer, May 10 through June 21. This collection features private correspondence from almost every major conflict in U.S. history.
- Elizabeth Moyer presents “**Photographing People: What Make a Great Photo,**” Wednesday, May 20 at 7 p.m.
- The Ventucky String Band evokes the golden age of country music and bluegrass, Sunday, June 14 at 2 p.m.
- Must-See Movies for Adults: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
May 14 — *The Imitation Game* [PG-13] May 21 — No showing May 28 — *American Sniper* [R]
June 11 — *The Sapphires* [PG-13] June 18 — *Sweeney Todd* [R] June 25 — *Across the Universe* [PG-13]

Russell Fischer Business Collection

- **OPEN’s Networking with Professionals**, Two Fridays, May 1 and June 5, from 9 to 12 p.m.
- Learn “**Best Practices for the Creation of New Products**” from Dave Pollock, Thursday, May 7 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.
- Rev up your job search at **OPEN’s Weeklong Job Search Workshop**, May 18 through 22 from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m.
- Avoid “**Common and Costly Legal Mistakes Made by Small Employers,**” Wednesday, May 27 from 8 to 9:30 a.m.
- Discover local businesses at the **Camarillo Chamber of Commerce Expo**, Tuesday, June 2 from 4 to 7 p.m.
- Interested in investing? Learn how at the **Investment Basics Series**, Wednesdays, June 10, 17, and 24 from 6 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. We will be closed Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. Contact us at (805) 388-5222 or visit us online at www.camarillolibrary.org. We are located at 4101 Las Posas Road.

May 2015

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.-12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 3 **FREE LOCAL HISTORY EXHIBIT**
10 A.M.- 4 P.M., HILL CANYON AND SANTA ROSA RD
FOR DETAILS, CALL KIMME BLACK, 491-3959
WWW.THEHOPEPICNIC.COM
- 8 **CAMARILLO OPTIMIST CLUB ANNUAL YOUTH BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT**
901 STERLING HILLS DR.
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 482-1218
- 8, 9 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR
ONLINE WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG
- 13, 20, 27 **FARMERS' MARKET & CRAFTERS' CORNER**
3 P.M.- 7 P.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER
1605 BURNLEY ST., CAMARILLO, CALL 482-1996
WWW.PVRPD.ORG
- 17 **PLEASANT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIVING HISTORY DAY**
1 P.M.- 4 P.M., 720 LAS POSA RD.
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 482-3660
WWW.PVHSONLINE.ORG
- 24 **SUNDAY CRUISE (FORMERLY CRUISE NIGHTS)**
1 P.M.- 5 P.M., VENTURA BLVD.
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 443-9219
WWW.CAMARILLO-OLDTOWN.COM

June 2015

- 3, 10, 17, 24 **FARMERS' MARKET & CRAFTERS' CORNER**
3 P.M. - 7 P.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER
1605 BURNLEY ST., 482-1996
WWW.PVRPD.ORG
- 6 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
A CELEBRATION OF JONI MITCHELL
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
WWW.CAMARILLOARTSCOUNCIL.ORG
- 6, 13, 20, 27 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- 12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 12, 13 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717
OR ONLINE WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG
- 20 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
JAZZ PROJECT
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
WWW.CAMARILLOARTSCOUNCIL.ORG
- 27 **MOVIE IN THE PARK**
PADDINGTON
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
WWW.CAMARILLOARTSCOUNCIL.ORG
- 28 **SUNDAY CRUISE (FORMERLY CRUISE NIGHTS)**
1 P.M. - 5 P.M., VENTURA BLVD.
FOR DETAILS, CALL TOM MALONEY 443-9219
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It's Free, It's Unique, It's Arts Alive 2015

Studio Channel Islands Art Center (SCIART) is thrilled to announce that our annual Arts Alive – West Coast Art Experience has been extended to a two-day event. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31. Do not fear—this is the weekend after Memorial Day, so we expect to see everyone in attendance. Here's the best part: it's **FREE**. Art is for everyone. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a fabulous day or weekend of visual and performing arts.

Arts Alive had an amazing inaugural event last year. This year's version will feature more art, more participation, and more fun. Over 100 artists and art organizations from Ventura County will showcase their works and programs all around our campus. The Blackboard Gallery will feature Donna Granata's story-telling portraits of renowned visual artists and an extraordinary selection of rock music photos by Rob Shanahan. SCIART is pleased to partner with Cal Lutheran University in featuring their Kingsmen Shakespeare Theater. A number of demonstrations and artists' talks will be held throughout the two days. The art education center will feature art from students and faculty of Adolfo Camarillo High School.

For the kids we're excited to offer a sidewalk chalk-painting contest and beautiful face painting. Plus, we'll have a number of special action-packed moments of art greatness for you and your young ones to experience together. Tasty food trucks are already booked and eager to serve you. A wine and beer garden will provide refreshments and a place to relax and mingle. A variety of performing artists, including actors and stilt walkers, will entertain you. Great bands—such as Ignition from Camarillo, the Fine Art Jazz Group from Malibu, and Bryan & the Jazz Heads—will keep the beat going throughout the weekend.

With many local art organizations, artists, live entertainment, and quality vendors, this event is one you don't want to miss. Everyone who attends is sure to have a fantastic day and leave with a greater love of the visual and performing arts. Please join us for this one-of-a-kind festivity supporting our community and the arts. Need more information? Visit www.StudioChannelIslands.org for full details.

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 6, the Camarillo Arts Council launches its annual music and movie series in the park. 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. For a complete schedule or to make a donation, visit www.camarilloartscouncil.org.



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