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4th of July Fireworks Fun Day

Camarillo's annual family-friendly fireworks event will be held at Adolfo Camarillo High School, 4660 Mission Oaks Blvd., on **Saturday, July 4**. Seating options this year include both the stadium home and visitor bleachers. The lawn seating and picnic area will be located on the practice field near the visitor bleachers, due to the football field being closed for the long-awaited installation of artificial turf.

Tickets are available for purchase now through July 2 at City Hall (601 Carmen Drive), and at the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District office (1605 E. Burnley Street). Admission is \$2 per person; children five years old and under are admitted free of charge. Tickets will also be available at the stadium gate on July 4, which opens at 4 p.m.

This event will feature live music, kids activities, and food. **Fireworks begin at 9 p.m.**, so bring sweaters, jackets, and blankets in case the weather turns chilly. Convenient free parking and shuttle service will be available at the Metrolink Station, 30 Lewis Road (enter on Dawson Drive side); and in the parking lot behind Technicolor, located at 3233 Mission Oaks Blvd. Shuttles will run from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, please call (805) 383-5696.

Camarillo Fiesta & Street Fair

Get ready for the return of a summertime favorite—the annual Camarillo Fiesta and Street Fair in Old Town on Ventura Boulevard. From **July 9 through July 12** this multi-day festival will delight you with a carnival, craft vendors, a car show, food booths, and wine and beer gardens. Naturally, the Fiesta will also feature a lively line-up of free entertainment that includes hot new musicians and lots of tributes to long-time favorites.

Daily Details

- **Thursday, July 9, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.** - Carnival tickets are priced at \$1.00. Price of carnival tickets during rest of Fiesta will vary.
- **Friday, July 10, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.** - The fair's main festivities begin, highlighted by a classic car cruise while Shaky Feelin' and 4 On The Floor perform on the Dizdar Park stage.
- **Saturday, July 11, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.** - Continuous live entertainment will feature the bands Kings of 88 (piano rock), Pretzel Logic (rock), Sergeant Peppers (sounds of the Beatles), The British Beat (rock), In the Led (a tribute to Led Zeppelin), among others.
- **Sunday, July 12, 12 noon – 7 p.m.** - Live entertainment continues featuring Caught Red Handed (country), Fortunate Son (a tribute to Clarence Clearwater Revival), True Willie (music of Willie Nelson), The Neal Deal (Americana & Neil Young songs), among others.

Driver Alert: Beginning Saturday, July 11 at 4 a.m. to 12 midnight Sunday, July 12, Ventura Boulevard will be closed to traffic from Oak Street to Glenn Drive, and Arneill Road will be closed to southbound traffic from Daily Drive to Ventura Boulevard.

Free shuttle service to and from the Fiesta will be available Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 7 p.m., from stops at the Metrolink Station (30 Lewis Road), Boys and Girls Club (1500 Temple Avenue), the Ponderosa Shopping Center (corner of Arneill Road and Barry Street), and Griffin Family Mortuary (1075 E. Daily Drive). For more information, please visit www.camarillofiesta.org.

Heads Up: Teen Drinking Spikes in Summer



For most teens, summer is a chance to relax, spend time with friends, and enjoy a long break from school. The Camarillo Police Department would like to remind residents that summer vacation also provides a lot of extra free time for teens to party and experiment with alcohol.

The Police Department aims to provide the highest quality of public safety service. Part of this mission is keeping your children safe. We are committed to saving lives by preventing underage drinking. We want to raise awareness of this critical issue by making sure you know about the City's social-host ordinance.

Here's the low-down: Camarillo Municipal Code section 10.32.040 makes it unlawful for any responsible person to conduct, aid, allow, permit, or condone a loud or unruly gathering at a residence or other private property. Under the City ordinance, it is not necessary that minors or underage persons be present or that alcohol be contributing factors, though during summer they frequently are. Penalty for a violation of the ordinance is punishable by a fine of up to \$2,500.

To report a loud or unruly gathering or underage drinking, please call the Camarillo Police Department at (805) 654-9511.

Remember: Private Fireworks Are Illegal

We want you and your family to enjoy a happy, safe Fourth of July. Laws prohibiting fireworks were passed because too many people were being injured or killed in fireworks accidents. That's why we urge you to follow the safety tips below.

- Be clear that fireworks are illegal in all areas served by the Ventura County Fire Department, including the City of Camarillo, except for professionally staged and permitted events.
- Never give fireworks to children—not even sparklers. They can cause severe injury and even death.
- Celebrate safely by attending Camarillo's family-friendly fireworks event at Adolfo Camarillo High School (details on page 1).
- If you decide to ignore the law and your clothes catch on fire, be sure to STOP, DROP, and ROLL.

For the safety and enjoyment of us all, Ventura County fire and law enforcement personnel and local citizen patrols will be out on the streets and in county areas during the entire Fourth of July holiday week, seeing that fireworks laws are observed.

For more on this topic, visit www.fire.countyofventura.org or call (805) 389-9710.

Coastal Cleanup Day: Save the Date, Sat. Sept. 19, 9 a.m.

During last year's Cleanup, 3,010 volunteers removed nearly 10,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from 34 miles of Ventura County beaches and inland waterways. In Camarillo, 263 volunteers collected 889 pounds of debris from two sites- the barranca off Mission Oaks Park and Calleguas Creek at Paseo Del Campo and Creekside.

In addition to collecting trash from waterways and beaches, volunteers also collect data during the cleanup that provides important clues as to the nature and source of the trash. Data collection from past cleanups have shown that over 60 percent of the trash picked up on Coastal Cleanup Day probably originated from an inland source- a city, a storm drain, or another non-coastal location- and was washed onto the beach through a creek or river.

Cleaning inland sites, like those in Camarillo, helps to stop trash where it starts, before it hits our coast and ocean. Please put your trash where it belongs; in the garbage or recycle can! For more information on **Coastal Cleanup Day 2015**, call the Stormwater Division at (805) 383-5629, email kerisman@cityofcamarillo.org, or visit www.vccoastcleanup.org.



Save Even More Water with These Additional Tips

Have you and your family followed obvious water-saving steps, like turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth and taking five-minute showers? If so, congratulations. Now why not challenge yourselves to go further by turning less-obvious water-savers into habits? Here are some ideas.

- Give each family member one cup or glass to use all day long (or even for a couple of days in a row) instead of washing a cup or glass holder after each use.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a pot of water instead of under a running tap; then pour the water on your house or garden plants or use it to soak dishes so they can be washed later using less water.
- Reuse water from cooking or steaming foods for soup stock or let it cool and use it for plant water.
- Instead of rinsing dishes before washing, scrape them.
- When washing dishes by hand, fill one basin with wash water and the other with rinse water instead of using running water. Then reuse the rinse water for nonedible plants.
- Plug the bathroom sink and clean a dirty razor by swishing it in a small amount of water instead of under a running tap. Save up to 300 gallons a month!
- Before you shower, put a big plastic bucket under the showerhead to catch cool water until it warms up. You can also plug the shower drain during your final rinse (after your main soaping) and scoop the water out with a plastic pitcher. Voilà—more water for plants.
- Turn off the water while washing your hair. Save up to 150 gallons a month!
- Plug your bathtub before turning on the water, instead of letting cold water run down the drain. As the tub fills, you can adjust the temperature using the faucets.
- Instead of letting water drain away after a bath, use a plastic pitcher to scoop it out into a bucket that you can use for watering nonedible plants.
- Turn off faucets tightly after each use and teach your kids to do the same.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the bowl before the next flush, you have a leak. And remember, fixing leaks within 48 hours is part of the City's required Stage 2 water-conservation measures.
- Don't use your toilet for a wastebasket. Properly, and dryly, dispose of cigarette butts, used tissues, kitty litter, and so on.
- Wash your pets outdoors on your lawn instead of in the bathtub.

Of course, if you can afford new appliances (toilet, showerhead, dishwasher, clothes washer) look for the WaterSense® and/or Energy Star trademarks. Meanwhile, you and your family can start using the simple ideas above right away.

Want a Water-Wise Front Yard? First Get a Clearance (It's Free)

Sparkling green expanses of grass are quickly becoming a drought luxury. They just soak up too much water. One of the most helpful actions you can take to reduce your water usage is to swap out your front-yard lawns and install drought-tolerant plants and/or artificial turf instead. But don't plunge ahead haphazardly. If you're replacing your lawn with non-living materials such as rock, wood chips, or artificial turf in your front yard, check to make sure it complies with the City's code requirements.

Before you get started, below are some simple steps to follow:

- You can design your own plan or work with a landscaping professional; great tips on how to do both can be found at www.camarillogardening.com.
- Up to 50% of your front yard landscaping may be artificial turf. For drought tolerant landscaping, non-living materials such as rock or wood chips may consist up to 40% of your front yard landscaping. In the next few weeks, the City Council will discuss increasing these percentages to possibly allow for more artificial turf. Please contact the Department of Community Development about the latest regulations.
- Bring your drawings to the Department of Community Development, where a City planner will review them to make sure they meet code requirements. After that you'll receive the necessary no-cost zone clearance.

Please see the City's landscape and irrigation guidelines on the City home page at www.cityofcamarillo.org. You may also cash in on rebates for turf removal, weather-based irrigation controllers, soil moisture sensors, and rain barrels; see details at www.bewaterwise.com.

So if you'd like to modify your landscaping to save water, remember that the City of Camarillo is a great resource. Call the Department of Community Development at (805) 388-5360 for in-person help.

Stay Cool this Summer at the Camarillo Library

Special Events

- Los Angeles-based Latin Flamenco band **Kimera** performs on Sunday, July 26 at 2 p.m.
- The **Westlake Village Symphony** performs on Wednesday, August 19 at 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited to 100.
- All ages and experience welcome to compete for amazing prizes at the **Music Trivia Challenge** on Sunday, August 23 at 2 p.m. Register your two-person team by calling (805) 388-5811 or (805) 388-5821 before August 16.

Children's Programs

- This year's **Summer Reading Program** is *Read to the Rhythm*, sponsored by the Friends of the Camarillo Library; through August 31 you can track your summer reading and receive prizes!
- Join us for a variety of crafts, dances, songs, and more at **Musical Mondays**, through July 27 at 2 p.m.
- LEGOs, board games, and all sorts of trivia at **Game-Time Tuesdays**, through July 28 at 2 p.m.
- Build fun and exciting motorized LEGO models at **Bricks for Kidz**, Tuesdays, July 14 and August 4 at 2 p.m.
- Experience music, stories, and more at **Wonderful, Wacky Wednesdays** with performances at 10 a.m and 2 p.m.:

July 1 — Magic by **Shawn McMaster**

July 8 — Stories and songs with **Georgette Baker**

July 15 — Music Concoctions by **Dan Crow**

July 22 — Music show by **Craig Newton**

July 29 — World Music with **Dave Winstone**

August 5 — A show by **Noteworthy Puppets**

August 12 — Juggler **David Cousins**

- Games, crafts, and PAWS dogs at **Silly Saturdays**, July 11 and August 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Teen Programs (ages 12-18)

- Pursue your passion at the **Teen Writers Club** on Mondays, July 6 and August 3 from 4 to 6 p.m.
- Get a *free book* at the **Teen Book Club** and discuss it the following month, Saturdays, July 18 and August 15 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- **Teen Advisory Board** meets Saturdays, July 18 and August 15 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.; lots of fun, a great group, and an excellent way to earn Community Service Hours.
- **Sensational Saturdays** from 2 to 4 p.m.

July 11 — **Custom Bleached T-Shirts**

August 1 — **Karaoke!**

- **Third Thursday Teen MakerSpace** from 2 to 4 p.m.

July 16 — **Hot-Air Balloons**

August 20 — **Marshmallow Catapults**

- **NEW for Summer! Teen Movie Afternoons** from 2 to 4 p.m.

July 2 — *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* [PG]

August 6 — *Mars Attacks!* [PG-13]

Adult Programs

- Photographers of all levels are welcome at the **Camarillo Library Camera Club** meeting, Wednesday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- Author **John Mulhall** will discuss and sign copies of his thrilling novel *Dark and Broken Things*, Saturday, July 11 at 11 a.m.
- Author **Dela Williamson** will discuss and sign copies of *Hope & Health through Dela's Wellness*, Saturday, August 1 at 11 a.m.
- VC Child Support Services presents a **Child Support Program Orientation Workshop** on Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- Camarillo Yoga Center's **Audrey Walzer** explains **Mindfulness Meditation** on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m.
- Ventura County **Genealogical Society series**

Saturday, July 18 — DNA Interest Group at 11 a.m., "Writing a Family History" at 1 p.m.

Saturday, August 15 — DNA Interest Group at 11 a.m., "Breaking Down Brick Walls" at 1 p.m.; "DNA Case Studies" at 3 p.m.

- **Must-See Movies for Adults**, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.:

July 9 — *Grease* [PG-13]

July 16 — *Moulin Rouge* [PG-13]

July 23 — *Dreamgirls* [PG-13]

July 30 — *Singing in the Rain* [G]

August 13 — *Chicago* [PG-13]

August 20 — *Amadeus* [R]

August 27 — *Mamma Mia!* [PG-13]

Russell Fischer Business Collection

- **Zachary Breverman** shares "**Retirement Planning for Small Business Owners**" on Wednesday, July 1 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Assemblywoman **Jacqui Irwin** discusses "**Legislation on Education and Job Creation**," Friday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Learn "**Team Collaboration Strategies**" from entrepreneur **Matt Moran**, Tuesday, July 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- Project management trainer **Hasnain Rizvi** presents "**Making Networking Work**," Friday, August 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Clare Briglio** of KINGS&PRIESTS shares "**How to Start Your Own Creative Business**" on Mon., August 10 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Author **Karin Lehman** shares methods for "**Finding Your Gift**" on Wednesday, August 26 from 10 to 11 a.m.

The library is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. We will be closed **Saturday, July 4, for Independence Day and Friday, August 21, for All Staff Day**. Contact us at (805) 388-5222 or visit us online at www.camarillolibrary.org. We are located at 4101 Las Posas Road.

July 2015

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **FARMERS' MARKET & CRAFTERS' CORNER**
3 P.M. - 7 P.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER
1605 BURNLEY ST., CAMARILLO, CALL 482-1996
WWW.PVRPD.ORG
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **CAMARILLO COMMUNITY BAND SUMMER CONCERT**
7 P.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER
1605 BURNLEY ST., CAMARILLO, CALL 484-8050
WWW.PVRPD.ORG
- 4, 18, 25 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 AM-12 PM, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 987-3347
- 11 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
THE GARTH GUY (GARTH BROOKS TRIBUTE SHOW)
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
- 15 **TALES AT THE CAMARILLO RANCH**
7 P.M. - 8 P.M., 201 CAMARILLO RANCH ROAD
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 389-8182
- 25 **FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING EVENT**
9 A.M. - 1 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY ST., 499-0050
- 25 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
JOURNEY LTD (JOURNEY TRIBUTE BAND)
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
- 26 **SUNDAY CRUISE (FORMERLY CRUISE NIGHTS)**
1 P.M. - 5 P.M., VENTURA BLVD.
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 443-9219
WWW.CAMARILLO-OLDTOWN.COM
- 26 **TASTE OF CAMARILLO (WINE AUCTION GALA)**
5 P.M. - 9 P.M., "CAMARILLO RANCH RED BARN"
WWW.MEADOWLARKSERVICELEAGUE.COM
- 27 **TASTE OF CAMARILLO (WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL)**
1 P.M. - 4 P.M., "CAMARILLO RANCH"

August 2015

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M. - 12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 987-3347
- 5, 12, 19, 26 **FARMERS' MARKET & CRAFTERS' CORNER**
3 P.M. - 7 P.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER
1605 BURNLEY ST., 482-1996
- 8 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
SUPER FREAK (DISCO)
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
- 14, 15 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG
- 22 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
CHANNEL ISLANDS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
- 22, 23 **WINGS OVER CAMARILLO AIR SHOW**
GATES OPEN AT 9 A.M.; FLYING 12-4:30 P.M.
555 AIRPORT WAY, CAMARILLO
WWW.WINGSOVERCAMARILLO.COM
- 23 **SUNDAY CRUISE (FORMERLY CRUISE NIGHTS)**
1 P.M. - 5 P.M., VENTURA BLVD.
FOR DETAILS, CALL TOM MALONEY 443-9219
- 29 **MOVIE IN THE PARK**
WHEN THE GAME STANDS TALL (SPORTS/DRAMA)
8 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847

Water Drought News

For the first time in State history, the Governor has directed the State Water Resources Control Board to implement mandatory water reductions in cities and towns across California to decrease water usage by 25 percent.

This year's ongoing and unprecedented spell of dry weather has dramatically decreased California's rivers and reservoirs to below-record levels and has also impacted our local groundwater supplies.

Forecasts suggest the dry spell may continue intensifying the already heightened fire danger. The City of Camarillo is asking its water customers to make every effort to conserve water in order to stretch the state's limited supplies.

The City of Camarillo Water Division's Stage 2 conservation measures remain in effect. Here is a reminder of the basics:

- Automatic landscape irrigation is allowed for even number addresses on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and for odd number addresses on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Watering landscapes must be done before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. on the allowed days.
- Landscape irrigation water must not be allowed to run to waste. It should all go into the ground.
- Washing hard surfaces, such as sidewalks, patios, driveways, parking lots, etc., is prohibited.
- Leaks within a water user's plumbing system must be repaired within 48 hours of discovery.
- A positive shut-off nozzle must be attached to a hose when hand-watering gardens. The same is true when washing cars, trucks, boats, trailers, etc. (permitted at any time).

Your water conservation efforts will help reduce the impacts of limited water supplies this summer, as well as reducing the City's need to purchase costly imported water. To view or download the water conservation ordinance, please visit www.cityofcamarillo.org. If you have any questions, call the Water Division at (805) 388-5373.

Reducing Waste Starts with Curbside Recycling

Camarillo residents are among the best recyclers in all of California. The City's diversion rate is an impressive 73 percent—much higher than the statewide average. Here's what goes in your three curbside containers:

Blue Recycling Container: Newspapers; glass containers, including all food and beverage containers; plastic CRV containers 1 through 7; all steel, tin, and aluminum food and beverage containers; cardboard; magazines; and paper/junk mail.

Tan Yard Waste Container: Yard trimmings; leaves; grass; small tree branches; and untreated scrap lumber. All green waste material is hauled to Agromin, which uses cutting-edge technology to convert it into organic mulches, compost, wood chips, and other products that naturally fertilize plants and trees.

Green Trash Container: Whatever's left—there shouldn't be much. Please do not place yard waste or recyclables in the green trash container, even if there's room.



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Cable TV Customer Service		Airport Noise Complaints	388-4202
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
City Clerk	388-5316	Camarillo Post Office	(800) 275-8777
Finance	388-5320	City Website	www.cityofcamarillo.org
Accounts Payable:	388-5352	City E-mail Address	cityhall@cityofcamarillo.org
Business Licenses:	388-5330	Camarillo Library Website	www.camarillolibrary.org
Utility Billing/Customer Service:	388-5325	Social Services Hotline: 211	
Community Development	388-5360	Camarillo Government Channel	
Code Compliance:	383-5660	Channel 10 (Time Warner customers)	
Public Works	388-5380	Channel 29 (Verizon FiOS customers)	
Streets:	388-5338		
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Traffic:	388-5340		
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