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Attention Vietnam War Veterans

If you or your loved one served our Country in the military during the Vietnam War, we want to honor that service! The City of Camarillo has become a Vietnam War Commemorative Partner with the Department of Defense to remember and honor the many men and women who served in the military during the Vietnam War. For its part, the City will be hosting several commemorative events over the next three years for Camarillo-based Vietnam Veterans. Our first event will be at the May 25, 2016 City Council Meeting, at which we will present a special Certificate of Recognition and Commemorative Pin to those who register with the City and attend the Council Meeting. If you served during the Vietnam War and were a Camarillo resident at the time you were drafted or enlisted, or live in Camarillo now (but were enlisted or drafted from another city), or your Camarillo-based loved one served and died during the War and you would like to receive a Certificate of Recognition and Commemorative Pin to honor that service, then please e-mail (preferred) Kathy Talley at ktalley@cityofcamarillo.org with your or your loved one's Name, Branch of Service, Rank, and Dates of Service, we also need your mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number. You may also call Ms. Talley at (805) 388-5312 to provide your information.



Water-Saving Tips for the Kitchen



Although the rainy season has officially begun, local Camarillo laws and statewide mandates still require us to conserve water. Below are some tips on how to keep saving water during the winter months:

- 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.
- Check faucets/pipes for leaks, including automatic ice makers and dishwasher hoses. Only run a full dishwasher.
- When washing dishes by hand, fill one basin with wash water and the other with rinse water instead of using running water. Reuse rinse water for nonedible plants. (Do not recycle water used to wash raw meat or its packaging.)
- Scrape instead of rinsing your dishes before loading in the dishwasher using a dish "squeegee." **
- Install a high-efficiency faucet aerator** on your kitchen sink.



A few small changes can mean hundreds of gallons of water saved. Thank you for your ongoing water conservation efforts – we are meeting our mandatory 20% reduction goal, but we must continue to conserve! Keep up the good work! ****While supplies last, Camarillo residents may pick up a FREE kitchen sink faucet aerator, a dish squeegee, and a high efficiency shower head at Camarillo City Hall, 601 Carmen Drive, during normal business hours.**

Rain Barrels Offered at Half Off



Ventura County's Community for a Clean Watershed is pleased to announce they are now offering 50-gallon rain barrels through a new rain barrel program. These barrels normally retail for \$149, but during this special promotion they are only \$75 (plus tax). We hope this discounted price will encourage residents to conserve precious water resources as well as protect water quality.

Using a credit card, barrels can be purchased at: www.rainbarrelprogram.org/venturacounty. To place a phone order, call (919) 835-1699 and ask for the Ventura County rain barrel program price. Order by March 6 for a March 12 pickup at your choice of two locations: Ventura or Thousand Oaks. All rain barrels must be pre-purchased.

- Rain barrel features:**
- 100% recycled plastic
 - Dimensions: 42.5" H x 22" W x 18" L
 - Child-proof, bug-proof lid
 - Best-in-class overflow set-up
 - 3/4" ball valve easily connects to garden hose
 - All parts included and ready to set up
 - Gravity fed; no pumps required
 - Link two or more barrels together using existing overflow hose.

City of Camarillo residents may qualify for a \$75 rebate on up to four rain barrels. Please check your eligibility by visiting: www.socalwatersmart.org. Why not order your barrels today? Then let it rain!

For more information on Ventura County's Community for a Clean Watershed program, please visit: www.cleanwatershed.org; to order a rain barrel, please visit www.rainbarrelprogram.org/venturacounty.

Got Grease?

If you cook at home the answer is probably yes, you do generate fat, oil, and grease (FOG). When plates, pots and pans are used and washed, FOG enters the Camarillo Sanitary District sewer collection system. Most sewer blockages in the sewer collection system can be traced back to FOG. The results can have damaging effects throughout the sewer collection system causing sewage spills, manhole overflows or sewer backups into homes and businesses. Many sewer spills enter the storm drain system and can actually make it to our local beaches.



You can help prevent this by putting all used cooking oil in a sealed container and discarding it in the trash. Another effective practice is to use paper towels to wipe greasy plates, pots and pans before washing them. By practicing these two simple suggestions, you can avoid expensive plumber bills, reduce sewer maintenance frequency by the Camarillo Sanitary District and minimize the need for increased sewer service costs to all customers. For additional tips and more information on the City's FOG Program, please visit www.cityofcamarillo.org and locate "FOG" in the A-Z directory at the top of the home page.

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, check, or charge). For dates and locations, visit the VCAS website at www.vcas.us.
2. Once you have the rabies certificate, you can get a license from VCAS or at City Hall. The license fee is \$20 for an altered (sterile) pet and \$80 for an unaltered (fertile) pet. VCAS now offers multi-year licenses (altered) 2 yr. - \$35, 3 yr. - \$55, (unaltered) 2 yr. - \$150, 3 yr. - \$230. They also offer discounted licenses for seniors (55+) with valid ID - \$10 a year. 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 the selected term 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 5).

"Las Personas Son La Ciudad"

Quick Fixes for Rain Runoff

The City appreciates all the efforts our residents have taken to conserve water, including those who replaced water-hungry lawns with drought-tolerant plants or synthetic turf. However, during the recent rains, some of you may have discovered that new groundcover can be far less receptive to rainwater than your old ones, which soaked up rain like a sponge. Drought-tolerant landscaping may change the way water flows across your property. If you find yourself scrambling to deal with one or more of the following common problems, here are steps you can take.

- **Problem:** Soil is washing off onto the sidewalk. **Solution:** Position lengths of straw-wattle rolls or sandbags to act as a temporary barrier or catchment area.
- **Problem:** Decomposed granite is turning into mud. **Solution:** Place barrier material such as rolled straw wattle, sandbags, or cement edgers to redirect the flow to an established drainage path or into an open bed. Use a broom to brush off as much “ponding” water as possible.
- **Problem:** Overflowing rain barrel. **Solution:** Make sure your barrel has an overflow outlet. Direct the overflow away from the house, either into flower or tree beds or toward the street. Contact the City for information on where to obtain rain barrels.
- **Problem:** Water coursing toward the house or garage. **Solution:** Use sandbags or other diverters to channel the water away from the structure. Protect foundations by making sure soil slopes away from the walls.
- **Problem:** Water is forming a pond (“ponding” is often caused by a lack of water that has left soil dry and compacted). **Solution:** Dig an ample amount of compost into the soil, then top with 3” to 4” of mulch. Aside from adding height to a low spot, the combination will absorb and retain moisture, allowing it to percolate into the soil.
- **Problem:** Water is ponding around downspouts, threatening the foundation and house structure. **Solution:** Invest in down spout extenders that channel the water away from the house. Spread several inches of mulch to absorb the water and add gravel to curb further erosion.
- **Problem:** Water flow is cutting channels into ground. **Solution:** Line the channel with large gravel; it will absorb the force of the flow and the gully won't cut any deeper.

And remember, areas landscaped with artificial turf should be kept free of trash and pet waste using dry cleanup methods. Avoid washing down these areas, since pollutants can be washed into the gutter and wind up in our storm-drain system.

Financial Assistance for Low-Income Home Repairs

Can't afford necessary upkeep on your home? Funds are available to help lower-income residents rehabilitate their owner-occupied residences and mobile homes. The City uses federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to assist these homeowners with needed property repairs and improvements to eradicate substandard living conditions and help them attain compliance with minimum property standards.

This rehabilitation assistance is provided in the form of a low-interest or zero-interest loan for qualifying households, with no repayment for 50 years or until the property is sold or the owner no longer lives in the home. In rare instances, grants (funds that never need to be repaid) are made to extremely low-income applicants who own qualifying properties. In all cases, the homeowner must qualify as a “low-income household.” The maximum rehabilitation loan or grant is \$25,000.

Interested? To discuss income eligibility, repairs, improvements, or questions, please contact Oksana Buck, Associate Planner, at (805) 388-5367 or e-mail at obuck@cityofcamarillo.org.

Camarillo Old Town Sunday Cruise



Hey, all you classic car buffs, get ready to oooh and aaah over your favorite old wheels. Sunday Cruise is back in the swing of things beginning Sunday, Apr. 24, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and will continue on the fourth Sunday of each month through Aug. 28. This family event will display vintage cars dated 1980 and older and will also offer local vendors, live music, food trucks and a beer garden. The event is located along Ventura Boulevard between Elm and Fir Streets in the beautifully restored Camarillo Old Town business district.

Camarillo Old Town Association hosts Sunday Cruise. To learn more, visit www.camarillo-oldtown.com or contact Janet Morgan, Executive Director, at (805) 551-6326.

“The People Are The City”

Camarillo Reads: *One City, One Book*

The Camarillo Library and the Friends of the Camarillo Library invite the entire community to read Reyna Grande's *The Distance Between Us* for the fifth annual Camarillo Reads: *One City, One Book* program.

Special Events

- Music, storytellers, Latino business mini-expo, and more at the **Camarillo Reads Kickoff Event** on **Saturday, Apr. 9** from **11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
- **[En español]** **Gonzalo Fernandez** shares his story of immigration and success on **Tuesday, Apr. 12** from **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
- **VCGS member Denise Quigley** outlines how to research family history in Mexico on **Tuesday, Apr. 19** from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**
- **Camarillo Reads Movie: *Under the Same Moon*** (PG-13) on **Thursday, Apr. 21** from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**
- Former executive editor **Toni Lopololo** hosts a **Memoir Writing Workshop** on **Saturday, Apr. 23** from **11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
- Join *The Distance Between Us* author **Reyna Grande** for **Author Talk and Book Signing**, on **Sunday, Apr. 24** from **2 to 4 p.m.**

Children's Programs

- **LEGOS/Game Day: Saturdays, Mar. 12 and Apr. 9** from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- Come in green and be lucky at our **Saint Patrick's Day Celebration** on **Saturday, Mar. 12** from **11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
- Teen Advisory Board hosts **Storytime and Teddy Bear Sleepover** for ages 3 to 7, **Saturday, Mar. 19** at **11 a.m.**
- The **Wildlife Experience** demonstrates why springtime is the best time for baby animals on **Tuesday, Mar. 29** from **10 to 11 a.m.**
- **Balloon Storyteller Annie Banannie** presents *The Three Little Pigs* on **Wednesday, Mar. 30** from **10 to 11 a.m.**
- Join **Kindermusik with Katie** for music, movement, and stories, **Apr. 25, 26, and 27** at **10 a.m.**

Teen Programs (ages 12-18)

- **Teen Movie Afternoons**, first Thursday every month at **3:30 p.m.**
Mar. 3 — *The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones* [PG-13] **Apr. 7** — *Beautiful Creatures* [PG-13]
- **Teen MakerSpace**, third Thursday every month from **4 to 6 p.m.**
Mar. 17 — *Brushbots*: Build and customize your very own mini-robot!
Apr. 14 — *Squishy Circuits*: Let's mix dough with electronics and see what we can make!

Adult Programs

- Book talk, discussion, and Q&A with *Faithfully Religionless* author **Timber Hawkeye**, **Saturday, Mar. 5** from **2 to 3:30 p.m.**
- **The Human Prehistory of the Channel Islands** and Coastal California: A 10,000-year Retrospective, **Monday, Mar. 7** from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**
- Camarillo Library **Camera Club** welcomes photographers of all ages and experiences on **Wednesday, Mar. 9** from **6:30 to 8 p.m.**
- The **Master Gardeners** share their passion for gardening and landscaping on **Tuesdays in March** from **6:30 to 8 p.m.**
Mar. 15 — *Vegetable Gardening* with Julian Hoyle
Mar. 22 — *Selection of Low-Water-Use Plants* with Dani Brusius
Mar. 29 — *Birds, Butterflies, and Bees* with Dani Brusius
- **Sharon Markenson** discusses the impacts of Climate Change Reality on **Wednesday, Mar. 30** from **7 to 8 p.m.**
- **Politics to the Extreme: The Consequences of Partisan Polarization in Congress**, **Monday, Apr. 4** from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**
- **Must-See Movies for Adults: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.**
Mar. 3 — *Spectre* (PG-13) **Mar. 10** — *Burnt* (R) **Mar. 17** — *Brooklyn* (PG-13) **Mar. 31** — *Infinitely Polar Bear* (R)
Apr. 7 — *Everest* (PG-13) **Apr. 14** — *Grandma* (R) **Apr. 21** — *Under the Same Moon* (PG-13) **Apr. 28** — *Steve Jobs* (R)

Russell Fischer Business Collection

- Explore your interests and match them with a **career that you love** on **Friday, Mar. 11** from **9 a.m. to 12 noon**
- **Professor Alan Jaeger** explains **location strategies** in a global environment on **Wednesday, Mar. 16** from **6 to 8 p.m.**
- **Clare Briglio** describes how to **start your own creative business** on **Monday, Mar. 28** from **6 to 8 p.m.**
- Learn how an "out of work" actor can help you **land your next job** on **Friday, Apr. 1** from **9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
- **"Social Business: Where Profits Meet Meaning"** with Professor Ballesteros-Sola on **Wednesday, Apr. 20** from **6 to 8 p.m.**
- Experience proven approaches to **navigating change for leaders** on **Tuesday, Apr. 26** from **6 to 8 p.m.**
- **Chris Simms** shares his story of creating and growing **Lazy Dog** on **Wednesday, Apr. 27** from **6 to 7:30 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. The library will be closed on Sunday, Mar. 27, for the Easter holiday. Contact us at (805) 388-5222 or visit us online at www.camarillolibrary.org. We are located at 4101 Las Posas Road.

March 2016

- 5, 12, 19, 26 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- 12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 987-3347
- 7 **MEADOWLARK SERVICE LEAGUE**
CHARITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND LUNCHEON
8:30 A.M.- 3 P.M., LAS POSAS COUNTRY CLUB
WWW.MEADOWLARKSERVICELEAGUE.COM
- 11, 12 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG
- 12 **STUDIO CHANNEL ISLANDS -- ANNUAL COLLECTORS CHOICE FUNDRAISER**
6 P.M.- 9 P.M., 2222 VENTURA BLVD.
WWW.STUDIOCHANNELISLANDS.ORG
- 26 **FREE EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA & CRAFT FAIR**
9 A.M.- 2 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY ST.
WWW.PVRPD.ORG

April 2016

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BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG
- 24 **CAMARILLO SUNDAY CRUISE**
1 P.M.- 5 P.M., VENTURA BLVD.
WWW.CAMARILLO-OLDTOWN.COM
- 28 **THROWBACK THURSDAY FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**
5 P.M.- 9 P.M., 201 CAMARILLO RANCH RD.
WWW.CAMARILLORANCH.ORG

Home Matchup Service Is Free and Safe



Have a room to rent or looking for one? HomeShare is a free service operated by the

Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA). The program matches home seekers with home providers. A seeker is someone looking for a place to live for a low rent or willing to provide services—such as yard work, driving, or shopping—instead of rent. A provider is someone willing to rent a room for low rent or looking for someone who can provide services instead of rent. All applicants go through a detailed screening process that includes an interview, background check, and reference checks. HomeShare helps to keep seniors in their own homes and provides housing opportunities to those in need. The program is limited to seniors, it can include college students and their families. For more information or to start the application process, contact VCAAA at (805) 477-7324.

Spring Cleaning Tips and Resources



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—in a 12-month period (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 collection 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 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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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	
Accounts Payable:	388-5352	www.cityofcamarillo.org	
Business Licenses:	388-5330	City E-mail Address	
Utility Billing/Customer Service:	388-5325	cityhall@cityofcamarillo.org	
Community Development	388-5360	Camarillo Library Website	
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)	
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