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Free E-Waste Recycling Collection Event



E-waste events offer a convenient way for residents to properly dispose of their electronic waste.

Televisions, computer monitors, and other electronic waste (e-waste) should not be disposed of in landfills because circuit boards, batteries, and cathode-ray tubes (CRTs) usually contain hazardous materials such as lead, mercury, and chromium. If improperly handled or disposed of, these toxins can be released into the environment.

La Mariposa Elementary School will be hosting a free e-waste collection event Saturday, January 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring any of the e-waste items listed below to La Mariposa Elementary School, 4800 Corte Olivas. No appointment is required.

The following recyclable items will be collected at the event: DVD players, keyboards, MP3 players, power supplies, server cabinets, stereo equipment, TVs, walkmans, fax machines, microwaves, pagers, printers, speakers, telephone equipment, vacuum cleaners, wireless devices, household batteries, monitors, scanners, video game systems, audio/visual equipment, computer mice, computers, cellular phones, copiers, digital cameras, computer components, and iPhones.

Items **NOT** accepted include: household/commercial appliances such as refrigerators, washers and dryers, or any hazardous material waste. For more information about this event, please call the City's Recycling Coordinator, Roger Pichardo at (805) 388-5392.

Police Department Offers Free Parenting Workshop

Are you frustrated with your teenager or preteen? Are they being defiant, out of control, or becoming difficult to talk to or understand? Are you concerned about their school grades? Can you identify possible drug or alcohol use and would you know what to do if you discovered your kids using drugs or alcohol?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Parent Project workshop is for you! This free ten-week workshop, taught at the Camarillo Police Station, was designed not only to help parents intervene in the most destructive of adolescent behaviors, but also to help parents identify and stop these behaviors from starting. This comprehensive, award-winning program offers practical solutions and tools to help parents with critical issues they may be facing today.

Some of the following items will be discussed at the workshop:

- 1) How to love your children when you have a hard time liking them;
- 2) Why traditional parenting interventions often fail;
- 3) How to NEVER argue with your child again;
- 4) How to get increased compliance with house rules;
- 5) What to do about drugs, sex, gangs, poor grades, running away, and violence; and finally, 6) How to utilize the help that is out there for you.

The next Parent Project Workshop will be running from February 4 to April 1, 2009. Meetings will be held Wednesday nights from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Camarillo Police Station, 3701 Las Posas Road. If you are interested in this workshop or would like more information, please call Senior Deputy Julie Novak at (805) 388-5131 or email julie.novak@ventura.org.



Parent Project Workshop Saturday, February 4 to April 1, 2009.

20th Annual Citizens Academy

The Camarillo Police Department is offering its 20th Annual Citizens Academy starting February 10. This twelve-week course is designed to give citizens an overview of the Police Department's mission and operational procedures. The Citizens Academy is free, and requires a commitment of three hours each Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

There will be presentations by a superior court judge, K-9 officer, S.W.A.T. team members, bomb squad, narcotics officers, and many others. Participants will have the opportunity to meet Camarillo's station commander, and get a comprehensive tour of the police station. There will be field trips to the Pre-Trial Detention Facility (main jail), juvenile hall, Sheriff's dispatch and crime lab (CSI), Sheriff's Training Academy, and the heliport. Participants will also have the opportunity to go on a ride-along with a patrol deputy.

If you are interested in attending the Citizens Academy, you can obtain an application at the Camarillo Police Station, 3701 Las Posas Road. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, live or work in the Camarillo area, and have no felony or misdemeanor convictions within one year of applying. For more information, please contact Senior Deputy Robert Maclean at (805) 388-5130.



"Las Personas Son La Ciudad"

Did You Receive Your 2009 Refuse and Recycling Schedule?

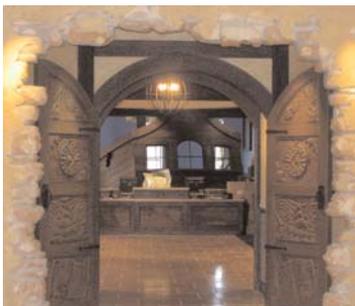
The City of Camarillo 2009 Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule has been mailed. The schedule is also available on the City's website. To find the collection day for your street in Camarillo, please visit www.ci.camarillo.ca.us and click on the letter "R" for recycling. Once you have been directed to the "R" categories, please click on refuse schedule, and from there you will be able to identify your collection schedule.

If you have not received your Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule, please call the utility/customer service division at (805) 388-5325.

If you have any questions about recycling, please call the City's Recycling Coordinator at (805) 388-5392.

Camarillo Library Happenings

The first special Saturday program for families will be held Saturday, January 16 at 10 a.m. at the Camarillo Library. Pulse Drumming will present A West African Safari with music, costumes and "lots of audience participation." David Cousin, Juggler Extraordinaire, will



Entrance to children's area.

be performing on Saturday, February 21 at 10 a.m. He is an amazing entertainer that will keep the entire family mesmerized. Both programs are sponsored by the Meadowlark Service League and are for all ages.

The Camarillo Library will present Incredible Gourds on Sunday, January 18 at 2 p.m. Charlene Smith and Elise Cogswell, from the Channel Island Gourd Society, will share information about the history growing practices and art forms of gourds. They will demonstrate examples and provide resources for gourds and tools.

A Family Legacy Writing Workshop will be presented on Thursday, February 12 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Camarillo Library Community Room. This workshop may assist you once you are ready to start writing your family history. Numerous elements of writing, the importance of research and description, and the secret of holding the reader by making your story come alive will be some of the topics of discussion. Linda Weaver Clarke, lecturer and writer of *Melinda and the Wild West* will be conducting this free workshop, which is being sponsored by the Meadowlark Service League.

Do-It-Yourself Guide to Motor Oil & Fluids Recycling

Used motor oil may contain such contaminants as lead, magnesium, copper, zinc, arsenic, chromium, chlorides, and cadmium. One gallon of oil can foul a million gallons of drinking water. Federal reports indicate that used motor oil accounts for more than 40 percent of the total oil pollution of the nation's harbors and waterways.



Camarillo is fortunate to have several state-certified used oil recycling centers located within the City. Appointments are not required; however, please call to confirm operating hours and quantity limits. Keep the following information in mind when recycling oil:

- A refund of \$0.16 per gallon of oil is available upon request (except at the City hazardous waste center).
- Place oil in tightly-sealed, pourable containers that hold no more than five gallons.
- All locations accept oil filters. Please drain your filters and place them in a plastic bag.
- Do NOT contaminate oil by mixing with any other fluids.
- It is **ILLEGAL** to leave oil at a closed collection center after business hours.

CAMARILLO CERTIFIED OIL RECYCLING CENTERS

BARRY'S AUTO SERVICE

578 Dawson Drive
(805) 388-6422

JIFFY LUBE

55 Daily Drive
(805) 388-1922

CENTRAL PLAZA UNION 76

700 Arneill Road
(805) 482-3465

KRAGEN AUTO PARTS

367 Carmen Drive
(805) 482-2377

FIRESTONE STORE

261 Arneill Road
(805) 482-9813

OILSTOP INC.

400 Las Posas Road
(805) 384-1189

OTHER RECYCLING OPTIONS

CITY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFFS

2nd Friday and Saturday of each month
Call **(805) 987-0717** for an appointment.

Most household hazardous waste and e-waste is accepted.

GOLD COAST RECYCLING

5275 Colt Street, Ventura
(805) 642-9236

Antifreeze, oil, oil filters, TVs, computers, microwaves and latex paint are accepted.

Would You Require Special Assistance In An Emergency?

The Ventura County Human Services Agency (HSA) maintains a registry of individuals who may require special consideration during emergency situations. The City of Camarillo is assisting the HSA by collecting information from residents who may require special help evacuating their homes, for example. If you may require assistance, please provide the following information:

- ➔ Contact information
- ➔ Medical condition(s)
- ➔ Primary language spoken/read
- ➔ Level of assistance needed
- ➔ Other pertinent details



This is a voluntary program. The City is also collecting the information so it can be maintained in Camarillo's Emergency Operations Center. Any information that you provide (address, phone, etc.) is confidential and would be used by emergency management personnel only.

Also, if there were a weather-related emergency such as a prolonged heat wave, you may be contacted and informed about cooling centers, or just to make sure you are OK. If you live at home (not in an adult care facility) and would like to have your name on this special assistance list, please mail your information to Heidi Zahrt at the City of Camarillo (601 Carmen Drive, 93010). If you live in a group home or assisted living facility, please speak to the facility management about this program.

If you have any questions regarding the special needs registry, please call Heidi Zahrt at (805) 383-5669, or send an email to hzahrt@ci.camarillo.ca.us. Your information may also be sent via email, if you prefer.

Good Neighbors Help Protect Our Waterways

The City requests assistance from its residents to help prepare for the upcoming rainy season. It is important that slopes are maintained and drainage facilities, including V-ditches, drain inlets and lines, are kept clear. Property owners who fail to maintain their private slopes or drainage facilities could cause serious water damage to their property and negatively impact downhill neighbors.

Not only can drainage failures damage property, but the sediment and various pollutants that erode from the slopes or that come out of private drains end up in the storm drain system and ultimately into our creeks and ocean without being treated. These pollutants impair water bodies and can be harmful to aquatic life.

In the interest of public safety, the City of Camarillo advises all property owners to take the appropriate steps to stabilize, repair and maintain slopes, ditches and drainage facilities located on their property to prevent erosion and potential flooding. For additional information regarding stormwater pollution and erosion control, or to report any potential stormwater problems, please call the City's Stormwater Program Manager, Anita Kuhlman at (805) 383-5659.



V-ditch in need of vegetation removal.



Citizens Committee Vacancies

The City of Camarillo is seeking citizens interested in serving on the following committees:

Rent Review Commission	
Multi-family Member (Owner)	1 position
Multi-family Member (Owner Alternate)	1 position
Multi-family Member (Tenant Alternate)	1 position
Mobile Home Member (Owner Alternate)	1 position
Public Member	1 position
Camarillo Ranch Foundation Board Member	5 positions
Citizen Advisory to Redevelopment Area	12 positions
Investment Committee	1 position

These committees meet either monthly or as needed.

For additional information regarding the committees, the appointment process, or for an application, please visit the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., the City's website at www.ci.camarillo.ca.us, or contact the City Clerk, Jeffrie Madland at (805)388-5315 or jmadland@ci.camarillo.ca.us.



Applications, along with a current resume, must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office no later than Friday, January 30, 2009.

Members on the Rent Review Commission and the Ranch Foundation Board must file a Statement of Economic Interest form. Please visit www.fppc.ca.gov for information regarding the form.

January 2009

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
 8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- 9, 10 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717
- 10 **E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENT**
 9 A.M. - 3 P.M., LA MARIPOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
 4800 CORTE OLIVAS, CAMARILLO, (805) 388-6068

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DAYS:
 THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 AND MONDAY, JANUARY 19**

February 2009

- 7, 14, 21, 28 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
 8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- 5 **GFWC CAMARILLO WOMANS CLUB ANNUAL
 TEA/SILENT AUCTION**
 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. STERLING HILLS GOLF CLUB,
 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL LEOLA, 647-5530
- 13, 14 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAY:
 Monday, February 16**

Are You Done With That?

For disposal of Household Hazardous Waste (oil based paint, pesticides, cleaners, automotive fluids, pool and garden chemicals, household and car batteries, mercury containing devices or other products), Camarillo residents may attend a FREE collection event held every month. Program services are available for those who are homebound. Collection events are by appointment only. Please call (805) 987-0717 or use the online Household Hazardous Waste Appointment Request Form at www.ci.camarillo.ca.us.

DATES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Friday	9	13	13	10
Saturday	10	14	14	11



To properly dispose of your household hazardous waste, please call (805) 987-0717.

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Camarillo, California 93010
(805) 388-5307

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Telephone Directory

City Manager	388-5307	Abandoned Vehicles	388-5150
Cable TV Cust. Service		Airport Noise Complaints	388-4202
Time Warner:	888-892-2253	Animal Regulation	388-4341
Verizon:	888-553-1555	Building & Safety	388-5395
City Cable TV Representative:	388-5349	Camarillo Area Transit (<i>Dial-A-Ride</i>)	988-4228
Economic Development:	388-5349	Camarillo Library	388-5222
Refuse Collection (E.J. Harrison):	647-1414	Fire Department (<i>non-emergency</i>)	389-9710
Recycling & Hazardous Waste:	388-5392	Graffiti Reports	388-5338
City Hazardous Waste Appts.	987-0717	Police Department (<i>non-emergency</i>)	388-5100
City Clerk	388-5316		
Finance	388-5320	City website	
Accounts Payable:	388-5352	www.ci.camarillo.ca.us	
Business Licenses:	388-5330	City email Address	
Utility/Customer Service:	388-5325	cityhall@ci.camarillo.ca.us	
Community Development	388-5360	Camarillo Library Website	
Code Enforcement:	383-5660	www.vencolibrary.org	
Public Works	388-5380	Camarillo Government Channel	
Streets:	388-5338	Channel 10 (Time Warner Customers)	
Water:	388-5373	Channel 29 (Verizon FiOS Customers)	
Engineering:	388-5340		
Traffic:	388-5340		
Sanitation:	388-5332		