

# CityScene

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## Camarillo Library Celebrates its Second Anniversary



The Camarillo Library celebrates its second anniversary on March 29! You are invited to join in the celebration by enjoying the following programs, sponsored by the Friends of the Camarillo Library and the Meadowlark Service League.

- Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. - The Reptile Company, with a variety of big and small critters, will entertain library patrons.
- Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m. - Performance by Xavier Montes, Harpist. Montes is a well known musician and artist who will give a special performance in honor of Camarillo Library's second anniversary.
- Tuesdays, April 7, 14, and 21, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. - "Teen Drama" cinematic story telling workshops. For ages 12 to 18.
- Wednesday, April 15, 10 a.m. - Ventura Senior Readers Theater will act out "Frog & Toad, Caps for Sale and Chrysanthemum."
- Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. - Storyteller, Elaine Murray will present "A Trip on the 4 Winds," a multicultural folktale performance.
- Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m. - Presentation of "In the Shadow of the Raven," a dramatization of the life and work of Edgar Allan Poe.
- Tuesday, May 12, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Public performance of "Teen Drama" cinematic storytelling workshop. For ages 12 to 18.

### Library Electronic Resources Training Classes

- Sunday, March 15, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. - A Library Electronic Resources Training Class, for adults and students 6-12 grade.
- Thursday, April 23, 2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m. - A Library Electronic Resources Training Class, for students K-5 grade and their parents (in the homework center).

Please sign-up at the Reference Desk or by calling (805) 388-5811 or the Children's Desk at (805) 388-5755.

# Pollution Prevention and Your Pets

The City of Camarillo would like to remind pet owners to please pick up after their pets. Pet waste contains bacteria, viruses and parasites that can threaten the health of people and wildlife. If the waste is not picked up, rain and irrigation runoff water can carry it into the streets and gutters, down the storm drain, and directly out to our creeks and the ocean. Please remember that anything entering our storm drain system is not treated to remove pollutants such as bacteria before emptying into the creeks and ocean. Not only does pet waste create problems in our environment, but section 7.32.010 of the Camarillo municipal code stipulates that pet waste be disposed of properly in a trash receptacle, and the deposit of pet waste on public property (including sidewalks, parks, and streets) maybe punishable by fine.



Please clean up after your dog, it's the law!

## Tips for Bagging Pet Waste

- \* Reuse plastic newspaper bags, bread bags, sandwich bags or grocery bags.
- \* Take advantage of the free pet waste bags provided at all city parks by the Pleasant Valley Recreation & Parks District and the City of Camarillo.
- \* When walking your pet, bring the bags with you to retrieve the pet waste, tie the bag closed and dispose of it in the trash.

Thank you for helping to keep our watershed clean! For more information on pollution prevention, please visit our new countywide web site at [www.cleanwatershed.org](http://www.cleanwatershed.org) or call the City of Camarillo at (805) 383-5659.

## Interested in Joining the City Watch Program?

City Watch is an exciting program brought to you by the Camarillo Police Department. This program was designed to utilize email as an avenue to disseminate important information to the community regarding current crimes and crime trends. The goal of the program is to increase public awareness about the existing crime trends so that residents can be better prepared to identify suspicious criminal activity and immediately report to the police by calling 911.

This program was designed as a means to receive feedback on particular crimes, and not designed to ask routine questions, or make general complaints regarding traffic problems, neighborhood disputes, etc. Since the email account is not monitored 24-hours a day, residents are encouraged to reply to the emails only if they have questions about the information that was disseminated.

Anyone interested in joining the program can send an email request to [camcity.watch@ventura.org](mailto:camcity.watch@ventura.org). If you have questions about the program, or need additional information, please call the Crime Prevention Officer, Robert Maclean at (805) 388-5130.



"Las Personas Son La Ciudad"

## Rare Blends Café at the Library

### Location: 4101 Las Posas Road



Mon.-Thur.	8 a.m. -8 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. -8 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. -5 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m. -5 p.m.

**Featuring: Sandwiches, Salads, Pastries, Roasted and Retail Coffees, Gourmet espressos, Blended Lattes, Loose Leaf and Retail Teas, Juices, Water and a variety of Soft Drinks.**

*Patrons enjoy indoor and outdoor wireless computer connectivity.*

## Have you Registered your Cell?

In an effort to notify and alert residents and businesses of emergencies affecting their surrounding area, last year, Camarillo implemented the Reverse 911 system which is operated by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services.

The initial implementation of the 911 Reverse system was comprised of only land-line phones; therefore, if you haven't registered your cell phone or email address, you may only be partially linked. If you would like to receive emergency notifications by cell phone, email, TTY, or Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), you will need to register online at [www.countyofventura.org](http://www.countyofventura.org) or call (805) 648-9283.



## Job & Career Centers



Three locations in Oxnard,  
and one in Ventura.

**Free job search resources and  
career planning assistance.**  
[www.VenturaCountyJCC.org](http://www.VenturaCountyJCC.org)

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## Let's Stop Graffiti Together!

Graffiti is an act of destructive vandalism! It hurts communities both aesthetically and economically. It decreases the feeling of safety, drains tax dollars, and sends a message that nobody cares. In response to graffiti, the City started a Graffiti Task Force in October of 2004 to control the spread of graffiti, to identify taggers, and deter these illegal acts.



The City is asking for residents, businesses, and visitors to report graffiti. Anyone witnessing a tagging act will be asked to note and report vital information such as the description of the taggers, vehicle information and if possible, license plate numbers. However, under no circumstances should you directly confront taggers. They can be very dangerous, and are often armed with weapons. Be safe, but observant! The City of Camarillo strives to have all graffiti removed within 48 hours. Please call (805) 388-5338 to report graffiti. All information is confidential.

## Conservation and Rebates

With January being a relatively dry month, the need to conserve water remains critical. The City of Camarillo would like to urge residents and businesses to use water wisely and encourages residential customers to take advantage of some great rebates available on water efficient appliances and products.

The City of Camarillo, in cooperation with Calleguas Municipal Water District and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, is offering rebates on high-efficiency washers, toilets, irrigation system rotator nozzles and weather-based irrigation sprinkler controllers (Smart Controllers) to residential customers. Before purchasing any of these items, please call (888) 376-3314 for program details and eligible products.



# Spring Cleaning Recycling and Disposal Guide

It's time to clean out your garage and attic. But what should you do with that dingy old chair or mattress and the other clutter gathered during your cleaning spree? Below are some suggestions on several recycling and disposal programs available to residents.

## Bulky Item Disposal—Call (805) 647-1414

City of Camarillo solid waste customers (those who receive a trash bill directly from the City) can have two bulky items picked up per year *without an additional charge, by appointment only*. Accepted items include mattresses, appliances, water heaters, furniture, etc., and tree stumps that weigh less than 60 pounds.

For non-City of Camarillo refuse customers, E.J. Harrison & Sons, the City's franchised solid waste hauler, will charge \$25 per bulky item, plus handling fees for special handling such as freon removal, cathode ray tube recycling and other hard-to-handle items.

## Refuse Bin Rental—Call (805) 647-1414

Three cubic yard refuse bins and large roll-off containers may be rented for big cleanup projects. E.J. Harrison & Sons will invoice customers directly for these services.



3-yard bin



40-yard bin

## Hazardous Waste Program—Call (805) 987-0717

Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) such as paint, solvents, pesticides, pool chemicals, and household cleaners 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. Used motor oil and oil filters may be recycled at the drop-off location or State-certified recycling centers. Call 1-800-CLEANUP for locations to the nearest centers.

## Universal Waste Program—Call (805) 987-0717

Common batteries such as AA, AAA, C and D cells, button batteries (e.g. hearing aids), fluorescent tubes and bulbs and other mercury-containing lamps and thermometers (sealed glass style), contain toxic chemicals that can cause harm to people, animals and the environment. This waste must **NOT** be discarded in your solid waste or recycling barrels. Please contact the City's household hazardous waste drop-off center for an appointment. For additional drop-off locations, please visit the City's website at [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us).

## Electronic Waste Program—Call (805) 642-9236

All computers, printers, monitors and peripherals, TV's, VCR's, DVD players, fax machines, stereos, radios, cell



Electronic waste waiting to be recycled by Gold Coast.

phones, and microwave ovens must **NOT** be discarded in landfills because they may contain toxic materials.

Recycle e-waste free of charge at Gold Coast

Recycling, 5275

Colt Street, Ventura, (805) 642-9236. Proof of Camarillo residency is required for free disposal – **no appointment required**.

The City's "**Odds-N-Ends Guide**," available on the City's website at [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us), is an excellent source for disposal or recycling of various items.

For additional information on universal waste, contact the City's Recycling Coordinator at (805) 388-5392, or logon to the California Integrated Waste Management Board's universal waste web page: [www.ciwmb.ca.gov/HHW/Uwaste](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/HHW/Uwaste).

## Free Backyard Composting Class Saturday, March 21, 2009

Interested in saving money? Turning trash to soil? Learning how to save water? A free backyard composting class is being offered by the City of Camarillo and the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District on Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Farmer's Market in Old Town Camarillo, (2220 Ventura Blvd).

Participants will learn how to turn grass clippings, yard waste and kitchen scraps into a rich soil amendment. Other yard waste reduction tips will be taught such as grasscycling and using mulch for water retention and weed prevention! The two-hour class will also feature indoor earthworm composting for residents with small yards or those living in apartments.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a raffle for a composting bin. Registration for the class is not required. For more information, please call Roger Pichardo, City Recycling Coordinator at (805) 388-5392.



## March 2009

- 7, 14, 21, 28     **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**  
**SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE**  
 8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
  
- 13, 14     **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**  
 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE  
[WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US](http://WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US)
  
- 21     **FREE BACKYARD COMPOSTING CLASS**  
**SPONSORED BY CITY OF CAMARILLO & PLEASANT VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**  
**LOCATION: CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**  
 10 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 388-5392

## April 2009

- 4, 11, 18, 25     **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**  
**SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE**  
 8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
  
- 5     **KIWANIS 31ST ANNUAL 5/10K RUN**  
 PRE-REGISTRATION STARTS AT 6:30 A.M.  
 1605 BURNLEY ST., CAMARILLO  
 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE LOGON TO  
[WWW.KIWANIS-CLUB-OF-CAMARILLO.ORG](http://WWW.KIWANIS-CLUB-OF-CAMARILLO.ORG)
  
- 6     **MEADOWLARK SERVICE LEAGUE CHARITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT & LUNCHEON**  
 8:30 A.M TENNIS 11:30 A.M. LUNCHEON, BOUTIQUE SHOPPING AND DRAWINGS. FOR RESERVATIONS CALL, (805) 630-7257
  
- 13, 14     **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**  
 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE  
[WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US](http://WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US)

## E-waste Recycling Fee Increase

The electronic waste recycling (e-waste) fee is a fee imposed on the retail sale or lease of certain electronic products that have been identified by the Department of Toxic Substances Control as covered electronic devices. Products covered by the fee include a variety of video display devices. Effective January 1, 2009, the new fees are as follows:



Recycle your electronic waste

4 inches - 15 inches -----	\$8.00
15 - 35 inches -----	\$16.00
35 inches or more-----	\$25.00

### SCREEN SIZE - MEASURED DIAGONALLY FEE

Collected fees will be deposited in an Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Account managed by the State of California. The fees will be used to provide payments to authorized collectors and recyclers, fostering the development of recycling opportunities and offsetting the cost of properly managing these types of products at the end of their useful lives. Due to hazardous components, it is unlawful to dispose of covered electronic devices with regular municipal waste.

It is imperative to note that the Electronic Waste Recycling Fee is **not** a deposit, and that the covered products do not contain "redemption value," like many beverage containers in California. Consumers are not entitled to reimbursement of the fee when covered products are recycled. Rather, the intent of the fee is to reduce, or eliminate, the costs associated with properly recycling this material when it becomes waste.

If you would like to learn more about the e-waste program or this fee increase, please visit [www.eRecycle.org](http://www.eRecycle.org). For a list of e-waste recyclers, please call the City's Recycling Coordinator at (805) 388-5392.

## 2-1-1 Connection

Do you need assistance finding help? Are you facing difficult times and do not know where or who to turn to? Looking for help with everyday needs or employment resources? Do you need assistance finding help with your mortgage? Dialing 2-1-1 is your first step.

A call to 2-1-1 links you to available help in the community. At 2-1-1, callers will speak to a live person every time. Call Specialists will problem solve and refer callers to government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, and other local resources such as food, shelter, child care, services for persons with disabilities, seniors and their caregivers, alcohol and drug rehabilitation programs, and much more. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and assistance is confidential.



"The People Are The City"



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the City of Camarillo



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## ECRWSS RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

### Telephone Directory

**City Manager 388-5307**

Cable TV Cust. Service  
Time Warner: 888-892-2253  
Verizon: 888-553-1555

City Cable TV Representative: 388-5349  
Economic Development: 388-5349  
Refuse Collection (E.J. Harrison): 647-1414  
Recycling & Hazardous Waste: 388-5392  
City Hazardous Waste Appts. 987-0717

**City Clerk 388-5316**

**Finance 388-5320**

Accounts Payable: 388-5352  
Business Licenses: 388-5330  
Utility/Customer Service: 388-5325

**Community Development 388-5360**

Code Enforcement: 383-5660

**Public Works 388-5380**

Streets: 388-5338  
Water: 388-5373  
Engineering: 388-5340  
Traffic: 388-5340  
Sanitation: 388-5332

**Abandoned Vehicles 388-5150**

**Airport Noise Complaints 388-4202**

**Animal Regulation 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**

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[www.vencolibrary.org](http://www.vencolibrary.org)

**Camarillo Government Channel**

Channel 10 (Time Warner Customers)  
Channel 29 (Verizon FiOS Customers)