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Recycle Your Unwanted Electronics at Our E-waste Event!

If you missed our last electronic waste (e-waste) collection event in January, you have another opportunity for some late spring cleaning on Saturday, May 14, when the Camarillo High School Recycle Club and the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District host a follow-up event at the Camarillo Community Center, 1605 Burnley Street. This free collection, which will be held—rain or shine—from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., is available to all City residents and businesses, and no appointment is needed.

You probably know that old electronics shouldn't be disposed of in landfills because many of their components, such as circuit boards, batteries, and cathode-ray tubes (CRTs), usually contain hazardous materials which can be released into the environment. Proper handling is necessary to ensure that toxins such as lead, mercury, and chromium don't pose a threat to human and animal health. That's where our collection event can help.

In addition to computers, printers and fax machines, you can drop off the following recyclable items on May 14: DVD players, keyboards, MP3 players, power supplies, server cabinets, stereo equipment, TVs, walkmans, pagers, speakers, telephone equipment, vacuum cleaners, wireless devices, monitors, scanners, video game systems, audio/visual equipment, cellular phones, copiers, digital cameras, and computer components. Please note that household and commercial appliances, such as refrigerators, washers and dryers, or any hazardous material waste (e.g., paint) cannot be accepted.

For more information about this and other safe-disposal opportunities, please call the City of Camarillo at (805) 388-5307.



When e-waste products reach the end of their useful lives or become obsolete, some are considered hazardous waste.

Friends of the Camarillo Library Are Friends, Indeed!

At the March 23 meeting of the Camarillo City Council, the Friends of the Camarillo Library (FOCL) presented the City with a \$500,000 donation to support the continued growth and development of the Camarillo Public Library's collections and activities. The donation will be used to purchase additional books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, programs, and equipment.

The funds came from generous citizens whose monetary contributions and donations of books and other materials to the FOCL Bookstore for resale to the public have helped make FOCL one of the premier library support groups in the region. The Friends of the Camarillo Library is an all-volunteer organization; 100 percent of its earnings are earmarked for the enhancement of the Camarillo Library. To learn more about the FOCL or to become a member, please call (805) 482-5610.

You Can Conserve Water and Have a Gorgeous Garden!

Did you know that 60 to 70 percent of the water supplied to a single-family residential customer in Southern California, is applied to landscaping and other outdoor uses?

Everyone can enjoy a beautiful garden because it provides a sanctuary to relieve stress and a place to enjoy time with family and friends. Fortunately, healthy landscaping doesn't need very much water. As a matter of fact, too much water can damage your landscaping, wasting this precious resource as well as your time and money.

Here are some handy, easy-to-follow landscaping tips to help you minimize water use:

- A layer of mulch applied to the soil surface around plants helps hold in moisture.
- Applying fertilizer to the lawn at the proper time and in the proper amount can save time, effort and money through reduced mowing and watering.
- Make sure sprinkler heads are adjusted properly to avoid inadvertently watering sidewalks and driveways.
- Remember that the City's water conservation ordinance allows landscape watering only between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m.
- To minimize irrigation overflow onto the sidewalk or street, try the "water and soak" method. Water twice for three minutes each time, waiting one hour between the two watering cycles.
- Plumbing or irrigation system leaks need to be repaired within 72 hours of discovery. Just one small leak can waste thousands of gallons of water per month.
- Reset irrigation controllers and replace batteries in the fall and spring.



Beautiful landscaping that needs little water.

If you need information on water conservation or landscape planning, please call the Water Division at (805) 388-5373 or visit www.bewaterwise.com.

Camarillo Government Channel



Want to quickly find out what's going on in Camarillo? Turn to the

Camarillo Government Channel (Time Warner, channel 10; Verizon FiOS, channel 29). Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for events, community organizations and non-profit groups, run continuously when programs or meetings are not being aired. Running a PSA on the channel is free!

The Government Channel airs live meetings of the Camarillo City Council and Planning Commission, Pleasant Valley School District Board, Ventura County Board of Supervisors, and the Ventura County Transportation Commission. Meetings of the Oxnard Union High School District are also rebroadcast.

CityScene TV, a local program about local people, places and events, airs weekly on Wednesday and Friday through Sunday. Other interesting programs can also be seen on the Government Channel, including California Communities with Huell Howser, sports and cultural events featuring area high schools, and more. For more information, please call (805) 388-5349.

Expo Helps Camarillo Seniors



"Living Life to Its Fullest" is the theme of the fifth annual Seniors Expo, presented by the Camarillo Council on Aging, the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District and the Camarillo Health Care District, on Tuesday, May 3 at the Camarillo Community Center, 1605 Burnley Street. Admission is free.

Seventy-five interactive booths, staffed by representatives of agencies, organizations, and companies who provide services for seniors, will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., offering health screenings and flu shots, as well as free entertainment. The first 400 seniors to enter will also receive a ticket for a hot lunch.

For more information, please call the Camarillo Senior Center at (805) 482-4881 or visit www.pvrpd.org.

"Las Personas Son La Ciudad"

Is Your Dog Licensed?



It's your pet's ticket home.

All dogs over four months of age residing in the City limits of Camarillo are required by law to have an animal license. Even dogs that are indoor-only or confined within a fence must have a current dog license.

Dog licensing not only offers a means to enforce responsible pet ownership, it also helps make possible the return of your beloved pet should he or she become lost. A license tag on your dog's collar tells Ventura County Animal Services where you and your pet live. And, because Ventura County is a rabies-declared area, the licensing program helps to ensure public safety by requiring proof of a valid rabies vaccination (available at veterinary offices and rabies clinics) before a license is issued.

A penalty may be assessed if your pet is not licensed at the age of four months or within 30 days of acquiring it, so please don't wait until your animal is spayed or neutered to obtain a license. The license fee is \$20 for an altered (sterile) pet and \$75 for an unaltered (fertile) pet. Dog licenses are good for one year, as long as the rabies certificate is valid for the duration of that license.

For more information, please call Ventura County Animal Services at (805) 388-4341 (Option 6).

Got Grease?

If you cook at home, the answer is most likely yes, you've got grease...and fats and oils. When plates, pots and pans are used and washed, these fats, oils and grease (FOG) enter the Camarillo Sanitary District sewer collection system. Most sewer system blockages can be traced back to FOG. The results can have damaging effects throughout the 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 container with a lid 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 steps, you can avoid expensive plumbing bills, reduce the frequency of sewer maintenance and repair work by the Camarillo Sanitary District, and help 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.ci.camarillo.ca.us and locate "FOG" in the A-Z directory at the top of the home page.

Enjoy A "Taste of Camarillo"

There are two opportunities this summer to sample an array of Ventura County's finest food, beverages and entertainment when the Meadowlark Service League (MSL) presents its 24th annual Taste of Camarillo Wine and Food Festival at the Camarillo Ranch House, 201 Camarillo Ranch Road.

On Saturday, July 30, MSL will hold a pre-event Wine Auction Gala and Dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Red Barn at the Ranch. This popular affair includes live and silent auctions of fine and rare wines and other enticing items, special wines for your enjoyment, plus gourmet food and live music.

On Sunday, July 31, the Wine and Food Festival gets underway from 1 to 4 p.m. on the lawns of the Ranch House, with proceeds benefiting charities in Camarillo and greater Ventura County. Guests will enjoy sampling fine wines, beers and tantalizing food from a wide variety of participating wineries, microbreweries, restaurants and caterers. Experience an afternoon featuring live entertainment, a cash opportunity drawing, silent auction and boutique shopping.

Tickets for A Taste of Camarillo Wine and Food Festival are \$75 in advance and \$85 at the door. Tickets for the Wine Auction Gala and Dinner are \$70. A weekend pass for both events is \$135. Tickets are available on-line at www.meadowlarkserviceleague.com or by mail from the Meadowlark Service League, P.O. Box 3063, Camarillo, CA 93011.

For more information, please call Mary Little at (805) 388-7158.



Come visit the Adolfo Camarillo Ranch House located at 201 Camarillo Ranch Road.

"The People Are The City"

“Tales at the Ranch” Program Highlights Camarillo’s Historic Past and Present

The Camarillo Ranch Foundation (CRF) will host a wide-ranging series of public presentations at the beautifully restored Camarillo Ranch House (201 Camarillo Ranch Drive) from May through August. An admission donation of \$5 per event is requested (CRF members admitted free of charge; military families also admitted free on May 18). The Ranch House Gift Shop will be open during each event. For more information about any of the presentations, please call (805) 389-8182.

May 18 – 7 p.m.

The Camarillo Ranch House kicks off the series with a salute to Ventura County’s veterans and currently serving military men and women. Speakers will include Captain James J. McHugh, commander of Naval Base Ventura County; Lara Godbille, director of the new Seabee Museum; and Ron Fleishman, historian with the Commemorative Air Force. They will note how the military has changed and expanded its mission in Ventura County. Historical exhibits will be on display.

June 15 – 3 p.m.

Members of the Camarillo White Horse Association will share their beautiful Camarillo White Horses with us during this presentation. Spend time with the colts and see how they have grown and changed from last year. Delve into the background of this unique blood line and learn how the Camarillo White Horse tradition lives on today.

July 20 – 7 p.m.

Have you ever wondered where Ventura County street names such as Cawelti, Lewis, Flynn, Daily and others originated? Join us as Jeff Maulhardt, author of the *Images of America* series and other historical books, reveals the stories of the pioneer Ventura County families whose names we see all across the county. Jeff’s family has been in the area since 1867.

August 17 – 7 p.m.

Chumash Elder Julie Tumamait-Stenslie will connect the audience, through stories and songs, with the heritage of the Native Americans who were an integral part of our early California and Ventura County history.

Camarillo Library Programs

Mark your calendars for our first *El día de los niños/El día de los libros* program, celebrating the importance of reading with children across diverse cultural heritages. The program will be held on Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m. in the Community Room. Actors from *We Tell Stories* will present “*Cuentos de la Familia-Stories of the Family.*” Mariachi Camarillo will also perform.

Master Gardeners Series: Join us every Tuesday evening in May from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for a timely program presented by Master Gardeners experts, including information on growing vegetables, dealing with garden pests, water-wise tips, composting and designing new gardens. For more information, visit the library’s calendar of events at www.camarillolibrary.org.

Come meet the Librarians at the *Camarillo Seniors Expo*, Sunday, May 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Camarillo Community Center and tell us what you would like to see at the library!

Are you, or is someone you know, unable to travel to the library? Consider taking advantage of our **Homebound Library Services**. We can bring all your favorite books right to your door! For more information and eligibility criteria, please call (805) 388-5222.

Ongoing Programs

Computing With Confidence: Every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. in the second floor computer lab. Library staff will help with photo and document management, setting up e-mail accounts, and basic computer questions. Use the library’s computers or bring your laptop. No registration is needed.

Tuesday Book Group for Adults will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 11a.m. in the Conference Room behind the Adult Fiction area. We will be discussing *How Starbucks Saved my Life*, by Michael Gill.



The Camarillo Library is located at 4101 Las Posas Road.

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May 2011

- 1 **CAMARILLO HOSPICE SPRING GARDEN TOUR
FIVE PRIVATE GARDENS IN CAMARILLO**
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 389-6870
- 7, 14, 21, 28 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M. TO 12 NOON, VENTURA BLVD., 482-1507
- 13 **CAMARILLO RANCH CASINO NIGHT**
7 P.M. TO 11 P.M., CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE
201 CAMARILLO RANCH ROAD, 389-8182
- 13, 14 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ON-LINE
WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US
- 14 **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**
BIDS FOR KIDS ANNUAL AUCTION
5205 UPLAND RD, CAMARILLO, 482-8113
- 15 **REBOZO FESTIVAL**
11 A.M. TO 3 P.M., CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE
201 CAMARILLO RANCH ROAD, 389-8182
- 18 **TALES AT THE RANCH**
7 P.M., CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE
201 CAMARILLO RANCH ROAD, 389-8182
- 27 **CAMARILLO OLD TOWN CRUISE NIGHT**
5 P.M.- 8 P.M., OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 443-9219

June 2011

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Extra Care Needed When Cleaning Your Home's Exterior

We all want our houses to look their finest, but when it comes to cleaning a roof, deck or other hard surface, it is important to think of our environment. Wash water from cleaning these surfaces can easily transport pollutants such as oil, chemicals, heavy metals, and cleaning products into nearby storm drains, unless steps are taken to prevent this from happening. Both homeowners and businesses undertaking surface cleaning projects (roofs, decks, buildings, sidewalks or driveways) should adhere to the following "best management practices" to prevent pollution:

- Use dry cleaning techniques (i.e., sweep!) whenever possible, and properly dispose of the debris in the garbage.
- Wash without soaps or solvents.
- Whenever water is used to clean heavily soiled areas:
 - * Cover access to storm drains to prevent sediment, chemicals, and waste waters from entering the storm drain system.
 - * Contain and capture wash water for discharge back into landscaping.
 - * Screen wash water to catch debris.
- Always protect storm drains from runoff when performing a service nearby.
- Clean oily spots with absorbent materials. Sweep and dispose of residuals in the garbage.

If additional information regarding surface cleaning is desired, please call the City's Stormwater Program Manager at (805) 383-5659. For other tips on pollution prevention, please visit www.cleanwatershed.org.

2011 Summer Concerts in the Park

The summer concert season gets underway in Camarillo on Saturday, June 11, as the Camarillo Arts Council launches its annual music and movie series in Constitution Park. This year's program will feature a variety of talented performers and musical styles, along with favorite family-themed movies on several non-concert evenings.

These free events are supported by a grant from the City of Camarillo and community donations. 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 schedule information, or to make a donation, please visit the Arts Council website at www.camarilloartscouncil.org.

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City Cable TV Representative:	388-5349	Camarillo Area Transit (<i>Dial-A-Ride</i>)	988-4228
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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	Report Scavenging	654-9511
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Utility/Customer Service:	388-5325	cityhall@ci.camarillo.ca.us	
Community Development	388-5360	Camarillo Library Website	
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Public Works	388-5380	Social Services Hotline	
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