

# CityScene

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## Give Old Electronics a New Home



E-waste recycling events offer a convenient way for residents to properly discard unused electronics.

Mark your calendar and get ready to clear out those closets, cupboards and the garage where you may have stored a decade's worth of obsolete computers, printers, fax machines and other electronic equipment. On Saturday, January 14, the Camarillo High School Recycle Club and the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District will host an electronic waste (e-waste) recycling event at the Camarillo Community Center, 1605 Burnley Street, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This free event, which will be held rain or shine, is available to all City residents and businesses, free of charge, 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 can't pose a threat to human and animal health. That's where our recycling event can help.

In addition to computers, printers and fax machines, the following recyclable items will be collected on January 14: DVD players, keyboards, MP3 players, power supplies, server cabinets, stereo equipment, TVs, walkmans, pagers, printers, speakers, telephone equipment, vacuum cleaners, wireless devices, monitors, scanners, video game systems, audio/visual equipment, cellular phones, copiers, digital cameras, and computer components.

Sorry, we can't accept household batteries, household/commercial appliances such as refrigerators, washers and dryers, or any hazardous material waste (such as paint). For more information about this e-waste event, please call (805) 499-0050.

# Do-It-Yourself Guide to Used Motor Oil Recycling

Are you a Do-It-Yourselfer? If you change the oil on one or more vehicles at your home, you have a special obligation to protect our environment—and an easy and convenient way to meet that obligation. It's a myth that a few drops of oil spilled on the ground every now and again—or a quart that “accidentally” makes its way to the street—can't really hurt the environment. The fact is that used motor oil may contain numerous hazardous contaminants, including lead, magnesium, copper, zinc, arsenic, chromium, chlorides and cadmium. Just one gallon of it can foul a million gallons of drinking water. Federal reports indicate that used motor oil alone accounts for more than 40 percent of the total oil pollution of the nation's harbors and waterways. That's a lot of drops or accidental quarts!

Camarillo is fortunate to have several state-certified used oil recycling centers located within its borders, so DIYers really have no excuse to let their used oil add to that 40 percent. Appointments at these locations are not required, but it's a good idea to call ahead to confirm operating hours and quantity limits. A few points to keep in mind when doing your good deed:

- \* A refund of 40¢ per gallon of oil is available upon request (except at the city's hazardous waste center).
- \* Place oil in tightly-sealed, pourable containers that hold no more than five gallons.
- \* All locations accept oil filters: Just drain first and place in a plastic bag.
- \* Do NOT contaminate oil by mixing with any other fluids.
- \* Remember--it is ILLEGAL to leave oil at a closed collection center after business hours.

For a complete list of used oil and filter recycling centers, please visit [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us) and locate “recycling” information in the A-Z directory on the City of Camarillo home page.

## Camarillo Police Department Offers Parenting Workshop

Are you a frustrated parent of a teenager or preteen? Is your child becoming defiant, out of control, or difficult to talk to or understand? Are you concerned about your child's failing grades? Can you identify possible drug or alcohol use, and would you know what to do if you discovered your child was using drugs or alcohol?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Parent Project workshop is for you! This 10-week workshop, taught at the Camarillo Police Department, is designed not only to help parents intervene in the most destructive of adolescent behaviors but also to help them identify and stop these behaviors before they start. This comprehensive, award-winning program offers practical, no-nonsense solutions and tools to help parents with the critical issues they may face today. Some of the following topics will be discussed at the workshop: (1) How to significantly involve and empower parents; (2) how to reduce family conflict; (3) and how to intervene in adolescent drug and alcohol use.

The next Parent Project will be offered February 29 to May 5. Meetings will be held Wednesday nights from 6 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 Bea Hughes at (805) 388-5131 or e-mail [bea.hughes@ventura.org](mailto:bea.hughes@ventura.org).

## Get an Inside View of Police Work

The Camarillo Police Department is offering its 26th Citizens Academy starting February 21, 2012. The 12-week course is designed to provide members of the public with an overview of the Police Department's mission and operational procedures. The academy is free, and requires only a commitment of three hours each Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Presentations by a superior court judge, K-9 officer, S.W.A.T. team members, the bomb squad and narcotics officers are scheduled. Academy participants will have the opportunity to meet Camarillo's station commander, and take a tour of the facility. There will also 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. Class members may also participate in a ride-along with a patrol deputy.

Applications for the Citizens Academy can be obtained at the Camarillo Police Station, 3701 Las Posas Road. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, live or work in the Camarillo area, have no felony convictions, and no misdemeanor convictions within one year of applying. For more information, please contact Camarillo's Crime Prevention Officer at (805) 388-5130.

## Special Events at the Camarillo Library

### NEW "Inside the Author's Story" Monthly Talk

Discover Ventura County's local authors each month, as they discuss their books, their writing process, the publishing process, and all the inside scoop of their writing journey. This new program will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month, and gets started January 24 at the Camarillo Public Library with Wendy Dager, author of "*I Murdered the PTA.*" February 28, author Sally Carpenter will discuss her book, "*The Baffled Beatlemaniac Capers: Sandy Fairfax Teen Idol Mysteries.*" Each program will begin at 7 p.m.

This February, **Celebrate National African American History Month.** In recognition of the contributions and achievements made by African Americans throughout history, we will present:

- \* **Black Women in American History and Culture** – The Mayme A. Clayton Library and Museum will discuss Mrs. Clayton and present artifacts from her time period on Saturday, February 5 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room.
- \* **Betty Pattengale and Mike Harris** perform an eclectic mix of jazz, blues and contemporary music. Saturday, February 11 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room.
- \* Watch "*For Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots,*" hosted on-camera by Halle Berry and featuring a cast that includes Morgan Freeman, Bill Cosby, John Travolta and many more. This acclaimed series documents and acknowledges the sacrifices and accomplishments of African-American service men and women since the earliest days of the republic. The story spans the Revolution to Afghanistan and examines why, despite enormous injustice, these heroic men and women fought so valiantly for freedoms they themselves did not enjoy. Join us on Saturday, February 25 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room.

**Oscar Movie Nights** – Catch up on the Oscar-nominated films, and join us every Thursday night, from February 2 through February 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

For additional information, ongoing programs and hours of service, please call (805) 388-5222 or visit [www.camarillolibrary.org](http://www.camarillolibrary.org). The Camarillo Library is located at 4101 Las Posas Road.

## Do the Right Thing for the Environment

Did you know that whatever is on our driveway, sidewalks, gutters, and in the street can eventually become a part of our marine habitat? It's crucial to remember that if it goes into our storm drains, it will end up in Calleguas Creek and out to the Pacific Ocean. Nothing gets filtered or treated! Below are some quick tips to help keep our creeks and ocean safe:

- \* Don't litter! Discard trash (including cigarette butts) and recyclables into designated waste receptacles and never dump anything down storm drains or in the creek.
- \* Fix fluid leaks on your car! Rain can wash these hazardous liquids into the mouth of a storm drain. Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway, where the wash water will run into the gutter, street and storm drain.
- \* Pick up after your pets; don't let the rain wash their waste into our creeks!
- \* Pick up leaves and other landscape debris and properly dispose of them. Compost yard waste where possible.
- \* Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up any material that may have spilled onto the driveway, sidewalk or gutter. Use less toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems.
- \* Sediment such as dirt or sand should not be washed down, but swept up and disposed of properly. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to help prevent sediment from washing out into the gutter, street and storm drain system.

The health of our waterways and ocean depends on our remembering and implementing these steps in our daily activities! For more information regarding stormwater, please call (805) 383-5659. To report an illegal discharge to the storm drain system, call (805) 388-5338.



## Annual Water Main Flushing Begins in February

Beginning February 21 through March 5, you may see the City Water Division crews flushing water from fire hydrants in your area. Although it may appear that we are ignoring our own water conservation ordinance, routine flushing is necessary to maintain high water quality and the reliability of our water system. Flushing removes sediment and mineral deposits that can build up in the water mains and are a potential breeding ground for bacteria. Removing them keeps the entire distribution system clean, ensuring that we are providing the highest quality water to our customers.

Occasionally, customers in the vicinity of the work to be performed may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This occurs from minerals, such as iron, that are being removed by the flushing process; however, it does not affect the safety of the water. If you notice any water discoloration after the flushing process has been completed in your neighborhood, you can clear the pipes in your home or business by running your faucets with cold water for up to two minutes. We recommend waiting to do laundry until the water is clear to avoid staining.

Please note that this flushing program does not apply to customers of Camrosa Water District, Crestview Mutual, Pleasant Valley Mutual or Cal-American Water Company.

If you would like more information about the annual water main flushing program, please contact the City Water Division at (805) 388-5373.

## A Convenient Way to Pay Your Utility Bill

Did you know that you have the option to pay your utility bill online? With the City's secure online services, you can access your utility account quickly and conveniently. All you need is your utility account number, a computer with Internet access, an active e-mail address and a personal identification number (PIN). A randomly generated PIN is printed on your billing statement just under the service address on the top right side of the bill. This temporary PIN will continue to display on the statement until you log in and successfully register your own private PIN. Once registration is complete the PIN will no longer be displayed on the statement.

### **With this free service you can:**

- \* Make credit and debit card payments (using Visa or MasterCard) for your water, sewer and/or trash bills
- \* View your account information (balance, payment, billing history, consumption history and service summary)

It's easy to get started! Visit the City's website at [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us), click on the *Click2Gov* icon and follow the on-screen instructions to complete registration. Click on *Quick Links* then *e-Gov* to view some frequently asked questions or for assistance, please contact customer service at (805) 388-5325.

## Free Community Emergency Response Training

Camarillo's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is set to resume in January 2012. The course will be taught on three consecutive Saturdays, January 28, February 4 and February 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All Camarillo area residents at least 18 years of age are invited to participate in this valuable free program. Training will take place at the Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) training facility, which is located at the Camarillo Airport. Instruction in CERT is provided by firefighters of the VCFD at no cost to participants.

All CERT participants will receive a course manual, vest, field gloves, helmet, goggles, flashlight, and a Camarillo CERT t-shirt. Course training includes search and rescue, first aid, triage, extinguishing fires, cribbing, terrorism response, and more.

Space is limited to the first 25 participants. To register, or for information, please contact Heidi Zahrt at (805) 383-5688 or [hzahrt@ci.camarillo.ca.us](mailto:hzahrt@ci.camarillo.ca.us).





## January 2012

- 7, 14, 21, 28 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**  
**SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE**  
 8 A.M.-NOON, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 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)
- 14 **ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING EVENT**  
 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER  
 1605 BURNLEY STREET, (805) 499-0050
- 21 **ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING EVENT**  
 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M., CAMARILLO  
 1777 ARNEILL RD, (805) 499-0050

## February 2012

- 2 **GFWC CAMARILLO WOMEN'S CLUB**  
**ANNUAL LUNCHEON / SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER**  
 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M., STERLING HILLS COUNTRY CLUB  
 FOR DETAILS, CALL 485-4010
- 4, 11, 18, 25 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**  
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 8 A.M.-NOON, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
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### Here's a New Year's Resolution You Can Keep

As 2012 approaches, make a resolution to become a Camarillo Ranch Docent. The word "docent" literally means a tour guide, but giving tours is just one part of being a volunteer. Docents help to run special events at the Camarillo Ranch House, serve on committees and work with the Ranch Foundation board and staff to help maintain this historic venue.

Start with a visit to the Ranch, where you can speak with a docent and increase your knowledge of our community's history. The Ranch is open for tours on Wednesdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. We look forward to sharing some of the history of Camarillo with you! For more information, please call the Ranch Office at (805) 389-8182 or visit the Ranch website [www.camarilloranch.org](http://www.camarilloranch.org).

### Need Help With Your Gas or Electric Bill?



Community Action of Ventura County (CAVC) offers financial assistance to eligible, low-income families and individuals having difficulty paying their gas or electric utility bills.

CAVC also makes an energy-saving, no-cost residential weatherization program available to eligible households. It provides minor home repairs, furnace, water heater and refrigerator repair or replacement, and replacement of old light bulbs with energy-efficient ones, further helping to reduce utility bills.

To learn more about eligibility requirements for these programs, and to request an application packet, please call CAVC (805) 436-4000 or visit [www.ca-vc.org](http://www.ca-vc.org).

### Citizens Committee Vacancies

Have you ever considered participating in the decision-making process for some of the City's projects? Involvement in setting the direction of the community can be rewarding, and committee work offers the opportunity to meet and network with other people. The City has several openings on committees as listed below. These committees meet either monthly or as needed. Some of these positions require the applicant to complete and file a Statement of Economic Interest form. For more information regarding the form, please visit [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).

#### Rent Review Commission

Multi-family Member (Owner Alternate)	1 position
Mobile Home Member (Tenant)	1 position
Public Member	1 position

#### Camarillo Ranch Foundation Board Member

Camarillo Ranch Foundation Board Member	5 positions
Citizen Advisory to Redevelopment Area	14 positions
CDBG Citizen Loan Committee	1 position
Investment Committee	1 position

#### Ventura County

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board	1 Position
Area Housing Authority	1 Position

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 601 Carmen Drive. Applications, along with a current resume, must be submitted to the City Clerk no later than January 31, 2012.

If you would like specific information about each of the vacancies, please contact the City Clerk at (805) 388-5315.



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### Telephone Directory

<b>City Manager</b>	<b>(805) 388-5307</b>	<b>Abandoned Vehicles</b>	<b>388-5150</b>
Cable TV Customer Service		<b>Airport Noise Complaints</b>	<b>388-4202</b>
Time Warner:	888-892-2253	<b>Animal Services</b>	<b>388-4341</b>
Verizon:	888-553-1555	<b>Building &amp; Safety</b>	<b>388-5395</b>
City Cable TV Representative:	388-5349	<b>Camarillo Area Transit (<i>Dial-A-Ride</i>)</b>	<b>988-4228</b>
Economic Development:	388-5349	<b>Camarillo Library</b>	<b>388-5222</b>
Trash Collection (E.J. Harrison):	647-1414	<b>Fire Department (<i>non-emergency</i>)</b>	<b>389-9710</b>
Recycling & Hazardous Waste:	388-5392	<b>Graffiti Reports</b>	<b>388-5338</b>
City Hazardous Waste Apts.	987-0717	<b>Police Department (<i>non-emergency</i>)</b>	<b>388-5100</b>
<b>City Clerk</b>	<b>388-5316</b>	<b>City Website</b>	
<b>Finance</b>	<b>388-5320</b>	<a href="http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us">www.ci.camarillo.ca.us</a>	
Accounts Payable:	388-5352	<b>City E-mail Address</b>	
Business Licenses:	388-5330	<a href="mailto:cityhall@ci.camarillo.ca.us">cityhall@ci.camarillo.ca.us</a>	
Utility/Customer Service:	388-5325	<b>Camarillo Library Website</b>	
<b>Community Development</b>	<b>388-5360</b>	<a href="http://www.camarillolibrary.org">www.camarillolibrary.org</a>	
Code Compliance:	383-5660	<b>Social Services Hotline, 211</b>	
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>388-5380</b>	<b>Camarillo Government Channel</b>	
Streets:	388-5338	<b>Channel 10 (Time Warner customers)</b>	
Water:	388-5373	<b>Channel 29 (Verizon FiOS customers)</b>	
Engineering:	388-5340		
Traffic:	388-5340		
Water Reclamation:	388-5332		

