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Do You Know Where Your Litter Goes?

The issue: Trash isn't just a nasty habit; it's a real health threat. Plastic bottles, fast food wrappers, and cups that get tossed on the ground carry germs and bacteria that can make you sick. These cups, gum wrappers, and cigarette butts dropped into gutters and washed into storm drains are examples of careless littering that harms the watershed, too. Litter can also come from uncovered trash bins with the help of wind or hungry blackbirds or seagulls. Trash from a fast-food meal left in the back of a pickup truck also quickly becomes litter at 50 miles per hour.

The answer? The City of Camarillo is under a State mandate to eliminate all trash 5 mm (about the size of a pencil eraser) or larger from our municipal storm-drain system. To do that, we need your help! Here's how:

- Put your cigarette butts in an ashtray—not on the ground—every time you smoke.
- Make sure items in truckbeds are covered or tightly secured.
- Pick up water bottles or other litter that falls out of your car (or other vehicle) and dispose of it properly.
- “Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle” whenever you can.
- Participate in community trash cleanup events like Coastal Cleanup Day (September 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; visit www.vccoastcleanup.org for more information).

Taking these steps is healthy, simple, and responsible. Be part of the solution to storm-water pollution!

For more tips, call the City's storm-water program manager at (805) 383-5659 or visit www.cleanwatershed.org

Interchange Project Will Make Driving Easier

The new Springville Drive/U.S. 101 Freeway Interchange between Las Posas Road and Central Avenue is almost finished. In addition to building the new interchange, the project also extended Ponderosa Drive to provide access to the interchange and to Ventura Boulevard.

When completed, this project will make driving easier for residents and visitors as it will provide traffic relief and improved traffic flow along Las Posas Road, Ponderosa Drive, and Ventura Boulevard.

The construction contract was awarded to C.A. Rasmussen, Inc., and work began in April 2010. Construction should be completed and open to traffic this summer. The project cost approximately \$20.7 million to build. Funding was provided by the City and property owners with land adjacent to the interchange.

Recycle Your Unwanted Electronics at Our E-waste Event

If you missed our last electronic waste (e-waste) collection in January, you'll soon have another chance. On Saturday, May 19, the Camarillo Recycle Club and PC Recycle are teaming up with the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District to host a follow-up event. This free event will be held rain or shine from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Camarillo Community Center, 1605 Burnley Street. All City residents and businesses are urged to take part; 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), contain hazardous materials that can be released into the environment. Proper handling is necessary to ensure that toxins like lead, mercury, and chromium won't pose a threat to human and animal health. That's where e-waste collection can help.

You can drop off any of the following items: computers, computer components, fax machines, DVD players, keyboards, MP3 players, power supplies, server cabinets, stereo equipment, TVs, Walkmans, pagers, speakers, telephone equipment, wireless devices, monitors, scanners, video game systems, audio/visual equipment, cellular phones, copiers, and digital cameras.

Please note that household and commercial appliances, such as refrigerators, washers, and dryers, or any hazardous material waste, such as paint and household batteries, cannot be accepted.

For more information about this and other safe-disposal opportunities, please contact the event operator at (805) 499-0050.

Shredding Event Yields 15 Tons—Can We Beat That?

Fifteen tons of paper were slashed up by whirring electric blades as hundreds of residents participated in Camarillo's Shred Day, a free community service held on March 17. The Camarillo Recycle Club partnered with RSI Shredding and the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District to offer this drive-through opportunity for residents to clean house by bringing in their sensitive and important documents to be shredded on site.

Shred Day was so popular that the Camarillo High School Recycle Club and the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District will host another event on Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Camarillo Community Center, 1605 Burnley Street.

A maximum of six boxes (15"x12"x9") of paper per customer will be shredded free of charge; additional boxes will incur a fee of \$4 each. Boxes will be returned for reuse after their paper is collected.

Documents will be shredded on the spot in a specially marked RSI shredding truck. You don't need to remove tape, paper clips, or rubber bands. However, paper should be removed from binders and hard-bound notebooks. Plastic and trash items will not be accepted.

For more information, please call RSI Shredding at (805) 278-0162.



What Is Edison SmartConnect?

Southern California Edison (SCE) is providing a new energy future through the Edison SmartConnect program. It all starts with digital meters capable of recording hourly usage information. Once the new meters are installed and the neighborhood network is enabled, customers will have online SCE access to their daily energy usage, new daily cost ("Bill-to-Date") and forecast ("Projected Next Bill") information. For additional information about Edison SmartConnect, please visit www.sce.com/smartconnect.

If you have questions about the new electric meter installation, please call Corix Utilities toll free at (877) 407-2317, Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free Spring/Summer Special Events at the Camarillo Library

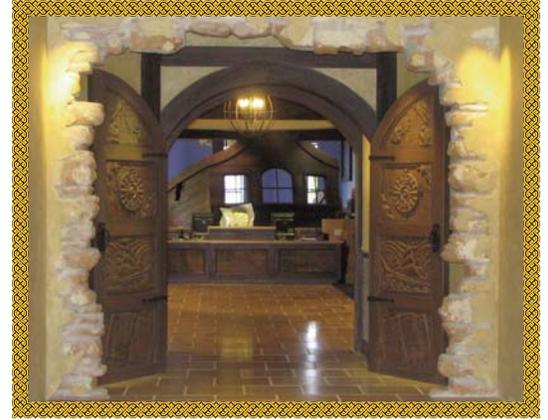
“Lizards & Snakes & Critters—Oh My!”

Our favorite Reptile Family brings a variety of baby and grown-up critters to celebrate spring, **Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m.**

Celebrate Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

Join us for May celebrations of the culture, traditions, and history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the US:

- Watch *Red Cliff* (2008), the epic Chinese war film, **Thursday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Enjoy a **musical performance** by **Bei Bei He**. She is an internationally acclaimed Gu Zheng (Chinese zither) performer, composer, and educator, **Sunday, May 6 at 2:30 p.m.**
- Attend “**The Library As Frontier,**” a special lecture by Dr. Nian-Sheng Huang, Professor of History at CSU Channel Islands, **Wednesday, May 9 at 7 p.m.**



Must-See Movies

Catch up on favorite movie hits by joining us for screenings in the Community Room.

- **Iron Lady** (PG-13) starring Academy Award-winner Meryl Streep, **Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.**
- **War Horse** (PG-13) directed by Steven Spielberg, **Thursday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m.**

NEW! A+ Research Class

Learn how to use our 30+ valuable databases covering all subjects, full-text newspapers and magazine articles, and downloadable music and e-Books. Free with your library card, **Wednesday, May 2 at 4:30 p.m., 2nd floor Tech Lab**

Summer Reading Programs Kick-Off

Get started with your summer reading. Folders and incentives will be available **June 10 through August 31** in the Children’s Discovery Area.

Teen Storytime Workshop

Become part of “Summer Storytimes with Teens” by attending this workshop on **Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.**

Other Teen Activities

- **Teen Manga/Anime Club** – **Saturday, May 19 at 2 p.m.**
- **Teen Book Club** – **Tuesday, May 15** – *Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle – **4 p.m.**
- **Teen Karaoke!** – **Saturday, May 5 at 2 p.m.**



Wonderful Wednesdays Are Back!

Join us each **Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** for a summer of wonderful performers. Don’t miss our first two:

- **June 20** – Scott Land Marionettes
- **June 27** – One World Rhythms

Summer Fun All Week Long

- **Crazy Crafts:** every **Monday**, from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m.**, **June 18 through August 13**
- **Summer Storytime with Teens:** every **Monday and Tuesday at 10 a.m.**, **June 18 through August 14**
- **Family Storytime in the Pirate Ship:** every **Tuesday at 7 p.m.**, **June 18 through August 14**

Adult Summer Reading Program (Conference Room)

Between the Covers Book Club – **June 21 at 7 p.m.** - discussion of *Mister Pip* by Lloyd Jones

Between the Covers Film Noir Screenings (Community Room)

- **June 19 at 6:30 p.m.** - *Strangers on a Train* starring Leo G. Carroll, Farley Granger, and Patricia Hitchcock.
- **June 26 at 6:30 p.m.** - *The Big Sleep* starring Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, and John Ridgely.

Check online for dozens more free library programs: www.camarillolibrary.org.

Yes, You *Can* Conserve Water and Have a Gorgeous Garden

Did you know that in Southern California, 60 to 70 percent of the water supplied to single-family residential customers goes for landscaping and other outdoor uses?

To reduce excessive water use, the City of Camarillo suggests these easy-to-follow landscaping tips:

- Spread a layer of mulch on the soil surface around plants.
- Apply fertilizer to the lawn at the proper time and in the proper amount by following directions on the package. This can save time, effort, and money through reduced mowing and watering.
- Make sure sprinkler heads are adjusted properly to avoid watering sidewalks and driveways.
- Only water your landscape on the allowed days of Monday, Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Evaporation rates are highest during the middle of the day. You don't want to pay for water that evaporates, do you?
- Don't let landscape irrigation water overflow onto the sidewalk or street. When watering your lawn, use the "water and soak" method: water for three minutes, let soak for one hour, then water for three more minutes.
- Repair leaks in your plumbing or irrigation system within 72 hours of discovering them. One small leak can waste thousands of gallons per month.
- Reset irrigation controllers to the amount of water needed for the current season, and replace their batteries in the fall and spring.

For more information about water conservation and on landscape planning, please visit our gardening website at www.camarillogardening.com or call the Water Division at (805) 388-5373.

Let's Save Our Citrus Trees!

A dangerous pest called the Asian citrus psyllid has been found in Camarillo and threatens the ability of homeowners to continue growing citrus in their backyards. The Asian citrus psyllid carries a plant disease called huanglongbing (HLB), or citrus greening disease. While not harmful to human health, HLB is a death sentence for citrus.

Here's what you can do to help protect Camarillo's citrus trees:

- Inspect your citrus trees for the pest each month or whenever watering, spraying, pruning, or tending trees.
- If you discover the insects or their signs on any tree, report it immediately by calling (800) 491-1899.
- Buy citrus trees only from reputable, licensed retail nurseries.
- Don't bring any plant material into California from other states or countries.
- Dry or double-bag any plant clippings before putting them in green-waste recycle bins.
- Cooperate with agriculture officials on pest detection and treatment.



Adult Asian citrus psyllid

For more information and to find additional photos of what to look for, visit www.CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org.

Swing into Summer with Free Family Fun

Want something to do on long summer Saturday evenings? If so, why not pack a picnic dinner and head to Constitution Park for some fabulous family entertainment?

Yes, it's that happy time again. The summer concert season gets underway on Saturday, June 9, as the Camarillo Arts Council launches its annual music and movie series in the park. This year's program will feature a variety of talented performers and musical styles, alternating with favorite family-themed movies. 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 full schedule information or to make a donation, please visit the Camarillo Arts Council website at www.camarilloartscouncil.org.

May 2012

- 5, 12, 19, 26 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- NOON, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 11, 12 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US
- 18 **TALES AT THE RANCH**
7 P.M., CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE
201 CAMARILLO RANCH ROAD, 389-8182
- 19 **E-WASTE EVENT**
9 A.M.- 1 P.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER,
1605 BURNLEY STREET, 499-0050
- 20 **PLEASANT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LIVING HISTORY DAY**
1 P.M. TO 4 P.M., 720 LAS POSAS ROAD
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 482-3660
- 25 **CAMARILLO OLD TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS**
5 P.M. TO 8 P.M., VENTURA BLVD
FOR INFORMATION, CALL TOM 443-9219

June 2012

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- NOON, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 8, 9 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US
- 9 **CONCERT IN THE PARK
PAPERBACK WRITER (THE BEATLES EXPERIENCE)**
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
- 9 **PAPER SHRED EVENT**
9 A.M.- 1 P.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER,
1605 BURNLEY STREET, 499-0050
- 22 **CAMARILLO OLD TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS**
5 P.M. TO 8 P.M., VENTURA BLVD
FOR INFORMATION, CALL TOM, 443-9219
- 23 **MOVIE IN THE PARK
PUSS IN BOOTS (2011, RATED PG)**
8 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
- 30 **CONCERT IN THE PARK
WHO'S BAD
(THE ULTIMATE MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE)**
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847

Help Keep Our Streets Clean

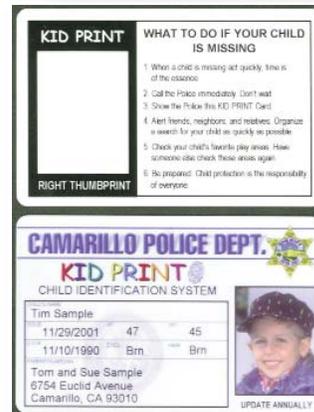
In the City of Camarillo, major streets are swept weekly during low traffic times of the day. Residential streets are swept every other week, the day after trash is picked up.



To allow street sweepers access to the curb line, the City asks that you move your vehicles off residential streets on scheduled sweeping days. We understand that this may sometimes be inconvenient, but with your cooperation, the sweeper operators can maneuver much more efficiently. The result will be clean streets for all of us to enjoy.

For more information or to report an area that needs immediate attention, please call the Street Division at (805) 388-5338 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Police Offer Free "Kid Print" Program



What would you do if your child got lost or even abducted? Naturally you hope it will never happen—but just in case, isn't it better to be prepared? Now you can be.

The Camarillo Police Department will host monthly "Kid Print" events in the police station's community room. Camarillo parents may bring their children to have their fingerprints, photograph, and

essential identifying information digitally recorded and printed on a two-sided vinyl card.

This service will be provided on the third Wednesday of each month from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Volunteers with the Camarillo Citizens Patrol will implement the Kid Print program, which is sponsored jointly by the City and the Police Department. Appointments are not needed.

Children's personal information and pictures should be updated at least once per year. Kid Print gives parents an easy way to do this at no cost. Take advantage of it—and rest easier about your children's safety.

If you have questions, contact Community Resource Officer Todd Eskridge at (805) 388-5129 or todd.eskridge@ventura.org.



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Telephone Directory

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------|
| City Manager | (805) 388-5307 | Abandoned Vehicles | 388-5150 |
| 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 (<i>Dial-A-Ride</i>) | 988-4228 |
| Economic Development: | 388-5349 | Camarillo Library | 388-5222 |
| Trash 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 | City Website | |
| Finance | 388-5320 | www.ci.camarillo.ca.us | |
| Accounts Payable: | 388-5352 | City E-mail Address | |
| Business Licenses: | 388-5330 | cityhall@ci.camarillo.ca.us | |
| Utility/Customer Service: | 388-5325 | Camarillo Library Website | |
| Community Development | 388-5360 | www.camarillolibrary.org | |
| Code Compliance: | 383-5660 | Social Services Hotline: 211 | |
| 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 | | |
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