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The E Family, featuring R&B legend Sheila E and her brothers, J and Peter Michael Escovedo, will headline this year's Old Town MusicFest. Also on stage will be 2011 American Idol semifinalist and recording artist Kendra Chantelle. We know you won't want to miss this, so here's what you need to know.

- **When:** Saturday, Sept. 22: **gates open at 3 p.m.**
- **Where:** The old Pleasant Valley School site, 2220 Ventura Blvd., Old Town Camarillo
- **What:** Star-studded concerts; art and photography; wine-tasting extravaganza showcasing diverse local wineries; beverage garden featuring locally produced ales and pilsners; and well known gourmet food trucks.
- **Tickets:** Festival seating \$25 (bring your lawn chair; \$30 on event date) Music circle seating \$100 (includes a reserve chair plus \$20 voucher for food, wine or beer purchases). Group discount festival seating \$20 for 10 or more tickets. Group discount music circle seating \$85 for 6 or more tickets. Tickets can be purchased at City Hall, Camarillo Chamber office, and select locations. See website for all locations.
- **New this year:** A mini business expo spotlighting Ventura County companies, restaurants, and retailers.
- **Show times:** 3:30 p.m.—Performer to be announced; 6 p.m.—Kendra Chantelle; 8 p.m.—The E Family with Sheila E.
- **Sponsors:** Old Town MusicFest Volunteers, Pleasant Valley School District, Camarillo Chamber of Commerce, and Studio Channel Islands Art Center.
- **More info:** Call (805) 484-4383, visit www.oldtownmusicfest.com, or like us on our Facebook Page; "Old Town MusicFest."

Want to Help in a Crisis? Get CERTed!

Camarillo's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course will be offered on three consecutive Saturdays, Oct. 27 through Nov. 10, at the Ventura County Fire Department training facility located at the Camarillo Airport.

Firefighters from the VCFD and other agencies provide training in first aid, extinguishing fires, search/rescue, cribbing (removing victims from under heavy objects), terrorism response, triage, and more. Each class lasts from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All CERT participants receive a helmet, vest, goggles, gloves, flashlight, course binder, T-shirt, and backpack. Space is limited to 25 people. To sign up, call Heidi Zahrt at (805) 383-5688, or e-mail to hzahrt@ci.camarillo.ca.us.



Don't Miss This Bin and Barrel Sale

On Saturday, Oct. 27, the County of Ventura and City of Camarillo, along with other area cities, will host a backyard compost bin and rain barrel sale at the County Government Center, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura. The sale runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Hall of Administration parking lot. Earth Machine compost bins will sell for \$44 each and System rain barrels will cost \$57 each. Quantities are limited, so arrive early.

A compost bin lets you create your own soil-improving organic material to help your plants, trees, and vegetables thrive. It will also reduce the amount of yard clippings and food waste you set out at the curb. Composting at home is more energy- and resource-efficient than transporting, processing, and selling compost commercially.

Rain barrels are a great way to reduce your water consumption—and your bill. They connect to downspouts on your house, capturing the rain that falls on your roof and storing it for later use. Before draining into the 55-gallon barrel, the water is screened to prevent leaves and twigs from falling in. The screen also stops mosquitoes from breeding in the stored water. Properly constructed and maintained rain barrels have lids screwed or bolted down to prevent children and small animals from getting into them. When your plants are thirsty, just attach a hose to the handy spout at the bottom of the barrel and let gravity push the water out.

For more information, please call (805) 658-4320 or visit www.wasteless.org.



Approved: 2012 Community Design Element Update

On June 27, the Camarillo City Council adopted an update to the Community Design Element, which incorporates the Scenic Highways Element. The Community Design Element is part of the Camarillo General Plan, which also includes Land Use, Conservation, Open Space, Camarillo Urban Restriction Boundary, Circulation (road design and nonmotorist mobility), Housing, Noise, and Safety elements. Each element has a specific focus; collectively, they work to establish a comprehensive, long-term plan for the City.

Specifically, what does the Community Design Element do? It establishes a framework to guide public and private improvements toward creating a functional and attractive community. Last updated in 1984, the revised document stays true to the original concepts and policies. In addition, the update embraces new concepts, such as sustainable design, and is reorganized into a more user-friendly format.

The City consulted with RRM Design Group of San Luis Obispo to prepare the document. Contact Case Planner Jaclyn Lee at (805) 383-5616 for any questions. The entire General Plan can be viewed at www.ci.camarillo.ca.us.

Stop Pollutants in Their Tracks

Your City needs your help to prepare for the upcoming rainy season. Slopes need to be maintained and drainage facilities—such as V-ditches, storm-drain inlets, and storm-drain lines—must be kept clear of debris. If you and your neighbors don't do this, the result may be damage to your property as well as that of downhill families.

Sediment and pollutants that erode from slopes or come out of private drains wind up in the storm-drain system. Once there, they find their way into our creeks and end up, untreated, in the ocean. Then sea water becomes polluted and aquatic life is often harmed.

To ensure public safety, the City of Camarillo advises that all property owners stabilize, repair, and maintain slopes, ditches, and drainage facilities on their property. This will help prevent erosion and potential flooding.

For additional information regarding stormwater pollution and erosion control, or to report potential stormwater problems, please call the city's stormwater program manager at (805) 383-5659.



V-ditch in need of vegetation removal.

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS FISCAL YEAR 2012/13 BUDGET

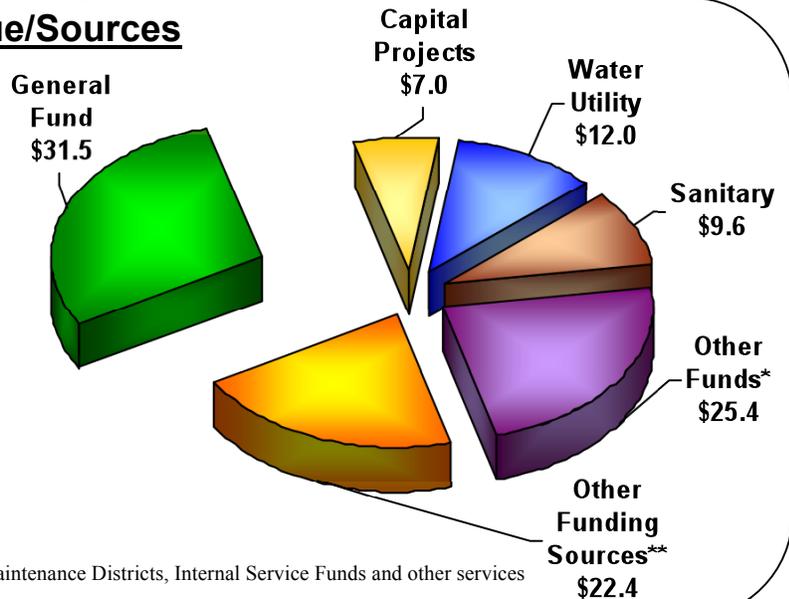
GENERAL FUND \$31.5 MILLION

ALL FUNDS \$107.9 MILLION

(\$ in millions)

Revenue/Sources

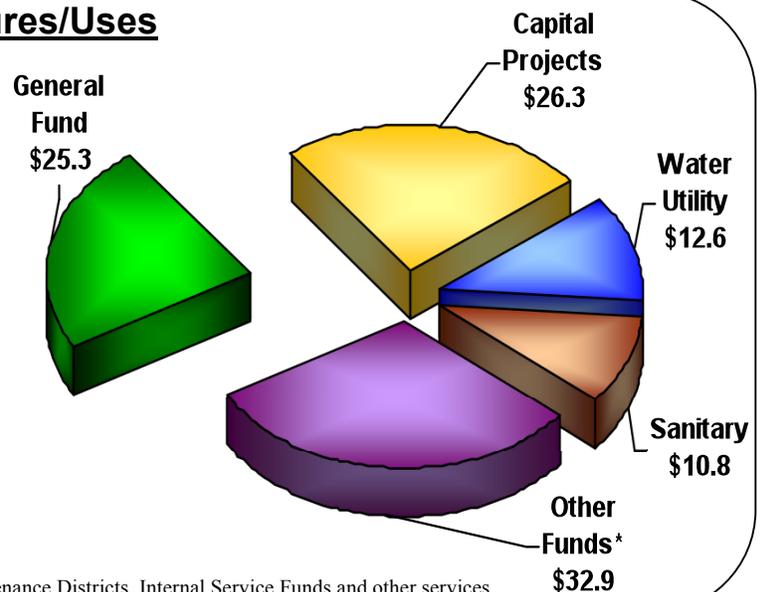
Revenues	
Sales Taxes	\$ 13.4
Property Taxes	9.5
Franchise Taxes	2.5
Transient Occupancy Tax	1.7
Business Tax	1.3
Investment Income	0.3
Building Permits	0.6
Development Services	0.9
Other Revenues	1.3
Total Revenues	\$ 31.5



*Includes Solid Waste, Transit, Library Operations, Lighting/Landscape Maintenance Districts, Internal Service Funds and other services
 **Includes accumulated fund balance for Capital Improvement Projects

Expenditures/Uses

Expenditures	
Police Services	\$ 15.2
City Administration	2.8
Community Development	1.9
Public Works	1.6
Finance	1.5
Cultural Arts	0.7
Code Compliance	0.7
Building and Safety	0.6
Economic Development	0.3
Total Expenditures	25.3
Net Transfers	6.2
Total	\$ 31.5



*Includes Solid Waste, Transit, Library Operations, Lighting/Landscape Maintenance Districts, Internal Service Funds and other services

\$26.3 Million Planned Capital - Improvement Projects for 2012/13

The City pre-funds capital projects over a five-year planning period, thus allowing several projects to begin, even in lean years. Some of the planned projects are:

Sanitary System Improvements – Design and construction of recycled water pipeline system, creating a new water supply source and reducing discharge flows to Conejo Creek, along with upgrading of various collection systems.

Water Repairs/Improvements – Various projects, including reclaimed water pipeline, pipeline construction and rehabilitation, and water infrastructure upgrade to improve safety.

Annual Streets Overlay/Slurry Maintenance Program - Continue the annual Pavement Management Plan to restore and maintain pavement to minimize major reconstruction.

Bike Trail Phase 3 & 4 – Continuation of the Calleguas Creek Bike Trail improvements, crossing the US 101 Freeway and joining with Village at the Park bike path improvements.

Wait! Don't Just Toss Those Unused Meds!

Do you want to add potentially harmful chemicals to our water? Or disrupt the life of sea creatures? Or maybe even be the unwitting cause of your child's or someone else's overdose? Of course not—right? Then don't flush old medicines down the toilet or throw them in the trash. Instead, get rid of them safely.

The Camarillo Police Department provides a convenient and confidential drop-box in its lobby at 3701 East Las Posas Road for safely disposing of unused or expired pharmaceuticals. The station lobby is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Labels showing the patient's name, medication name, and other personal information should be removed before putting items in the box.

What can go in the drop-box? Examples are prescription drugs such as hormones, antidepressants, and antibiotics; over-the-counter medications such as pain relievers, cold/flu remedies and antiseptics; and veterinary medicines. Please note that "sharps" (needles/syringes) are not allowed.

Proper disposal of medicines is key to the health of humans and ocean life. Won't you please do your part? To learn more about this program, and for more information on where to discard "sharps," call the city's recycling coordinator at (805) 388-5392 or log on to www.ci.camarillo.ca.us.

Better Shred Than Read

What's black, white, and shred all over? Here's your chance to answer, "All my papers with personal information that identity thieves would love to get their hands on."

On Saturday, Sept. 22, the Camarillo High School Recycling Club and the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District will host another free, secure, paper-shredding event at the Camarillo Community Center, 1605 Burnley Street, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thanks to a partnership with RSI Shredding, this free program is available to all Camarillo residents and businesses.

Discarding personal and confidential information with your trash makes you susceptible to identity theft. Shredding documents that contain Social Security numbers and other identifying information is one of the best ways to protect your personal and financial well-being.

What to shred? Examples include credit card statements, credit applications (especially preapproved), blank transfer-balance checks, nondeductible receipts and statements, unneeded medical records, and tax and legal documents for which the "keep time" has expired.

A per-customer maximum of six boxes or 12 grocery bags of paper—no trash, please—will be shredded free of charge. There will be a \$4 charge for each additional box. Documents will be shredded on site in a specially marked RSI shredding truck. Customers' boxes will be returned for reuse after their paper is collected. All paper shredded at this event will be recycled. For more information, please call Susan Belluschi at (805) 278-0162.

Conserve Water—It's a Way of Life

Do you turn the water off while brushing your teeth? Water your yard only when it truly needs it? Run your dish and clothes washers only when they're full? In short, are you conserving one of our most precious resources—water?

In 2009, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a law requiring Californians to reduce urban per-person water use by 20 percent by Dec. 31, 2020, with a midway goal of 10 percent by Dec. 31, 2015. To that end, the City of Camarillo Water Division urges you to continue conserving water. Not only that: you can also get some City bucks to help you.

How? By taking advantage of City-provided rebates on your purchase of a water efficient clothes washer, rotating sprinkler nozzles, or weather-based irrigation controller. Interested? Visit www.bewaterwise.com or call the Be Water Wise hotline at (888) 376-3314.

Saving water saves you money on your water bills, too. So don't forget to also visit Camarillo's gardening website at www.camarillogardening.com for a wealth of information on landscape planning and water conservation.

"Las Personas Son La Ciudad"



September 2012

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- NOON, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 3 **COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL & CHILI COOK-OFF**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
11 A.M. - 4 P.M., CAMARILLO RED BARN
201 CAMARILLO RANCH RD., 389-6870
- 8 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
RAYMOND MICHAEL (A TRIBUTE TO ELVIS)
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
- 14, 15 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US
- 15 **COASTAL CLEANUP DAY**
9 A.M. - 12 NOON, CAMARILLO
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 388-5385
- 22 **CAMARILLO'S OLD TOWN MUSICFEST**
3 P.M. - 10 P.M., 2220 VENTURA BLVD., 484-4383
WWW.OLDTOWNMUSICFEST.COM
- 22 **PAPER SHRED DAY**
9 A.M.- 1 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY ST., 278-0162
- 28 **CAMARILLO OLD TOWN CRUISE NIGHT**
5 P.M. - 8 P.M., VENTURA BLVD
FOR INFORMATION, CALL TOM 443-9219
- 29 **ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW & BREW FEST**
11 A.M. - 4 P.M., CAMARILLO RED BARN
201 CAMARILLO RANCH RD., 389-8182

October 2012

- 6, 13, 20, 27 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- NOON, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 11 **WINE TASTING AND MOVIE NIGHT**
6 P.M., CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE
201 CAMARILLO RANCH RD., 389-8182
- 12, 13 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US
- 27 **COMPOST BIN AND RAIN BARREL SALE**
9:30 A.M.- 3 P.M., 800 S. VICTORIA AVE., VENTURA
- 28 **ADOLF CAMARILLO'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**
12 NOON - 4 P.M., CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE
201 CAMARILLO RANCH RD., 389-8182

Why Not Pay Your Utility Bills Online?

Did you know you can choose to pay your utility bills on the Internet? It's free, safe, and easy with the City's secure online services. All you need is your utility account number, a computer with Internet access (at home or at a library or senior center), an active e-mail address, a personal identification number or PIN (see below), and a way to pay electronically.

Each month, a randomly generated PIN will be printed at the top right side of your billing statement just under your user address. This temporary PIN will continue to be displayed on your bill until you log on and successfully register your own private PIN. Once registration is complete, a PIN will no longer show on your statement.

With this free, secure service you can:

- Make credit and debit card payments using Visa or MasterCard for your water, sewer, and/or trash bills.
- View all your account information: balance, payments, billing history, usage history, and service summary.

It's easy to get started. Log on to the City's website at www.ci.camarillo.ca.us, click on the word **Payments**, then click on **UTILITY PAYMENTS** and follow the on-screen instructions. For assistance, contact Customer Service at (805) 388-5325.

Fall Programs at the Camarillo Library

Thursday, Sept. 27 at 3:30 p.m.—"Educator's Open House" in the Community Room. Local educators, K-12, are invited to learn about the resources and programs at the Camarillo Library. The program will showcase BookFlix, 24/7 resources via the library's databases, downloadable ebook/audio book offerings, and more. Come hear Linda and Brent Anderson, authors of *Unintentional Humor—Celebrating the Literal Mind*. Send questions and RSVPs to Laurie Vanoni at lvanoni@camarillolibrary.org or call (805) 383-5686.

Thursday, Oct. 4 at 10 a.m.—"Getting to Know the Camarillo Library for Homeschoolers" in the Community Room.

Families are invited to discover all the resources, services, and programs the library has to offer to support you during the school year and beyond. For more information and a complete calendar, visit camarillolibrary.org or call (805) 388-5222.

Elections 2012: Poll Workers Needed

It's patriotic. It's educational. It's fun. It's an opportunity to meet your neighbors. And the County of Ventura needs you! Election poll workers, the friendly folks who facilitate the voting process at each precinct, are essential to our civic life. Contact the Ventura County Elections Division at (805) 654-2785 to find out how you, your high school junior or senior, or your community service organization can serve.



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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
Hazardous Waste Appt. Line:	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 Billing/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)	
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Traffic:	388-5340		
Water Reclamation:	388-5332		



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