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Be Safe When You Bike, Scoot, or Skate!

The Camarillo Police Department would like to remind Camarillo residents that children must wear helmets when riding bicycles, scooters, and skateboards. Studies show that about 80% of bicycle-related injuries could be prevented with the proper use of a helmet.

Camarillo police officers want you and your children to be safe, so remember these guidelines:

- Always wear a helmet. Serious brain injury can result even from falls that don't seem too bad at the time.
- Be clear that children under age 18 must wear helmets when riding bicycles, scooters, and skateboards. Otherwise a fine of more than \$100 may be imposed under California Vehicle Code 21212.
- Obey all street signs, use hand signals, and avoid hazards on the roadway—and teach your children to do the same. A bicycle is considered a "vehicle" and riders must follow the rules of the road.
- Anyone biking at night is required to have a working headlight. If you or your children are riding at night or even at dusk, wear light-colored (reflective) clothing to make yourself visible.

No budget for safety gear? The Camarillo Police Department has a limited number of helmets and other safety items available for free to families dealing with financial hardships. For assistance, please contact an officer at the Camarillo Police Department's Community Resource Unit during regular business hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., (805) 388-5155.

Something for Everyone at Free Emergency Expo



Attend the Camarillo Emergency Expo on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Constitution Park next to City Hall. Admission is free.

The Expo will feature emergency-preparedness vendors, Ventura County firefighters, Ventura County Emergency Medical Services personnel, and "how-to" demonstrations, as well as kids' activities and great food (including pizza, of course). The first 250 persons who visit the Expo's vendor booths will receive a free 8-liter collapsible water container.

Canning food for emergency storage is a specialty of the LDS Church. Bring your dry goods, and you can secure food for an emergency for \$1.25 per can (can, lid, and oxygen dry pack).

This helpful event is presented in collaboration with the Camarillo LDS Church. For more information, please call (805) 388-5349, or e-mail jfraser@ci.camarillo.ca.us.

Free Citizens Academy Offers Unique View of Police Work

If police work interests you, you're in luck: The Camarillo Police Department will be starting its 29th Citizens Academy on Tuesday, Sept. 24. This free course provides community members with a rare inside look at local law enforcement.

Twelve weeks of classes give citizens an overview of the police department's function and operational procedures. The curriculum and teaching methods are modeled on the traditional Police Academy, except that these weekly sessions are not designed to train participants as officers.

If you take part, veteran officers and police officials will be your teachers. You'll learn from SWAT team members, the bomb squad, narcotics officers, a K-9 officer, and a superior court judge. You'll meet with the station's commander and various staffers, who will encourage you to ask questions and express your concerns as you tour their facility. You'll go on field trips to the main jail, youth detention center, crime lab (CSI), and heliport. Students may also take part in a ride-along with a patrol deputy.

Academy classes will be held Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and live or work in Camarillo, with no felony convictions and no misdemeanor convictions in the past year. For more information and/or an application, call the Crime Prevention Unit at (805) 388-5155.



Outwit ID Thieves at Free Document Shredding Event



On Saturday, Sept. 14, you'll be able to help reduce identity theft and recycle unwanted documents by coming to the secure paper-shredding event at Camarillo Community Center, 1605 Burnley Street, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Adolfo Camarillo High School Future Farmers of America and the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District are hosting this special community event, free to all City residents and businesses, thanks to a partnership with CINTAS Document Management.

Note: Throwing out personal, confidential information with your trash makes you a possible victim of identity theft, today's fastest-growing crime. Shredding documents that contain Social Security numbers and other key info is one of the best ways to protect your personal and financial well-being. Documents to shred include credit card statements, unwanted balance-transfer checks, applications, receipts, medical records, bank statements, old tax papers (check www.irs.gov/How-long-should-I-keep-records to see if yours are old enough to toss), home mortgage and other loan statements, and legal documents.

A per-customer maximum of six boxes (15"x12"x9") or 12 grocery bags of documents—no trash, please—will be shredded at no charge, with a \$4 charge for each additional box. Documents will be shredded on the spot in a special CINTAS truck and customers' boxes will be returned for reuse. For more information, call CINTAS at (805) 529-5388 or visit www.pvrpd.org.

Financial Assistance for Low Income Home Repairs

Funds are available to help lower-income residents rehabilitate their owner-occupied residences and mobile homes. The City uses federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to assist these homeowners with needed property repairs and improvements.

This rehabilitation assistance comes in the form of a low-interest loan with no repayment until the property is sold or the owner no longer lives in the home. In rare instances, grants (funds that never need to be repaid) are made to extremely low-income applicants when they can't repay a loan or the property lacks enough value to cover one. In all cases, the homeowner must qualify as a "low-income household." **The maximum rehabilitation loan or grant is \$25,000.**

Interested? To discuss eligible income limits, repairs, improvements, or questions, contact Associate Planner, Michael Smith at (805) 388-5367 or by e-mail at msmith@ci.camarillo.ca.us.

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS FISCAL YEAR 2013/14 BUDGET

All Funds - \$110.9 Million

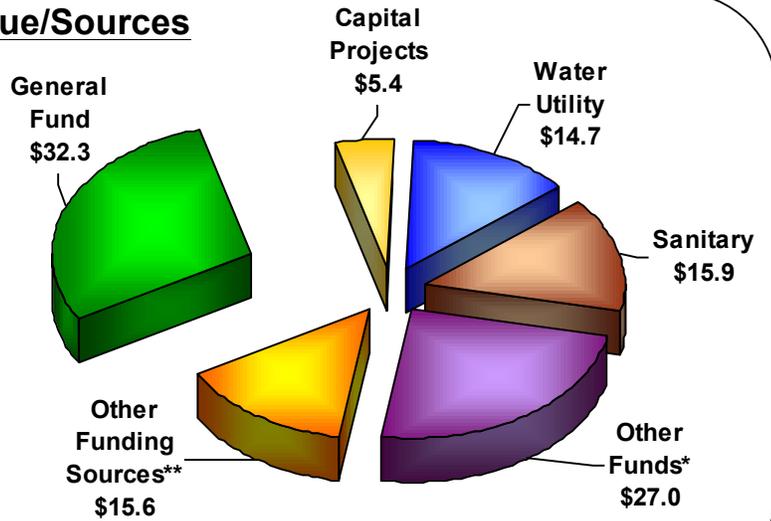
GENERAL FUND \$31.8 MILLION

CITYWIDE \$110.9 MILLION

(\$ in millions)

Revenue/Sources

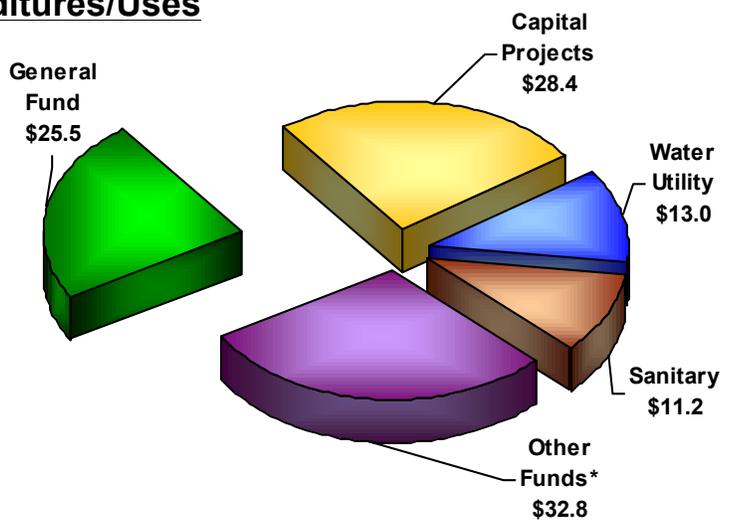
Revenues	
Sales Taxes	\$ 13.8
Property Taxes	9.6
Franchise Taxes	2.5
Transient Occupancy Tax	1.8
Business Tax	1.4
Investment Income	0.3
Building Permits	1.0
Development Services	1.0
Other Revenues	0.9
Total Revenues	\$ 32.3



*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	\$ 15.6
City Administration	2.6
Community Development	1.8
Public Works	1.7
Finance	1.3
Cultural Arts	0.8
Code Compliance	0.7
Building and Safety	0.6
Economic Development	0.4
Total Expenditures	25.5
Net Transfers	6.3
Total	\$ 31.8



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The City prefunds 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 – A solar panel project at the treatment plant will use digester gas production, reducing energy usage from outside non-renewable sources. Projects upgrading the collection system, and floodwalls at the treatment plant, will improve safety and prolong usefulness.

Water Repairs/Improvements – Various projects are planned, including regional groundwater desalter and water infrastructure replacement to upgrade aging systems and 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, from US 101 Freeway to south of Pleasant Valley Road.

Fabulous Fall Programs at Our Camarillo Library

Special Back-to-School Program for Parents and Educators:

“Raising a Reader” Keynote Speaker—Author and reading advocate Dr. Stephen Krashen, Ph.D, will give a presentation for educators on **Wednesday, Sept. 25**, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Community Room, followed at 6:30 p.m. by a presentation for parents.

Also join us three Wednesdays in October at 6:30 p.m. for “Raising a Reader” follow-ups:

- **Oct. 2** – “The Importance of Early Literacy/Prereading Practices: Getting Children Ready to Read.” Parents learn book-sharing strategies and how to model them, with Nancy Myers, California Lutheran University School of Education.
- **Oct. 9** – “Reading and the Elementary School-Aged Child” with Chris Elliott, Pleasant Valley School District.
- **Oct. 16** – “Language and Reading Support for Child English-Language Learners”; modeling practices for parents and a chance to try out the skills, with Tita Sanchez, Mesa School.

Teens @ the Library:

Saturday Events in Young Adult Area from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.:

- **Sept. 7**, Duct Tape! Make wallets, belts, or other small items.
- **Oct. 5**, Star Wars Read Day (across the nation); costumes, games, books + our Teen Advisory Board is brainstorming other activities.
- **Oct. 26**, Sugar Skulls for Día de los Muertos! Teens 12 to 18 decorate sugar skulls; materials provided.

Friends of the Library Sunday Programs, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.:

Sept. 15, “Get Ready to Swing” with Lauren Donahue and her swing band.

Oct. 20, “Ahh, Musicals!” 60 glittering women singing and dancing in harmony.

Banned Book Week, Sept. 22-28: Librarians love it and so should you. Check out some books and celebrate your freedom to read.

Seed Library Grand Opening Event & Workshop—Borrow, Grow, Return:

Saturday, Oct. 5, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join us as we launch the new Seed Library. David King, Chair of the Seed Library of Los Angeles, will provide valuable seed-saving tips.

Business Speaker Series:

Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Russell Fischer Business Collection welcomes Umrao Mayer, President & CEO of Camarillo-based Zindagi Games.

Free Movie Nights – Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room:

September Documentaries

- Sept. 5 – *PBS Frontline: “The Interrupters”* (2012); special 6 p.m. start time
- Sept. 12 – *We Steal Secrets: The Story of WikiLeaks* (2013)
- Sept. 19 – *Bully* (2011)
- Sept. 26 – *Stories We Tell* (2013)

Details about additional movies and even more great events in the library’s fall newsletter at the website below.

Healthy Living with St John’s Hospitals: Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., “Innovations in Joint Pain & Joint Replacements” features a panel of doctors.

The Camarillo Library, located at 4101 Las Posas Road, is open seven days a week: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tel: (805) 388-5222; website: www.camarillolibrary.org. Like us on [Facebook.com/camarillolibrary](https://www.facebook.com/camarillolibrary). Follow Us on [Twitter.com/camarillolib](https://twitter.com/camarillolib).

“Las Personas Son La Ciudad”

September 2013

- 7, 14, 21, 28 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- NOON, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 7 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
RAYMOND MICHAEL (A TRIBUTE TO ELVIS)
7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, 987-7847
WWW.CAMARILLOARTSCOUNCIL.ORG
- 13, 14 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US
- 14 **DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT**
9 A.M. - 1 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY STREET
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 529-5388
- 14 **EMERGENCY EXPO**
10 A.M. - 2 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 388-5349
- 21 **COASTAL CLEANUP DAY**
9 A.M. - NOON, CAMARILLO
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 388-5385
- 27 **CAMARILLO OLD TOWN CRUISE NIGHT**
5 P.M. - 8 P.M., VENTURA BOULEVARD
FOR INFORMATION, CALL TOM AT 443-9219

October 2013

- 5, 12, 19, 26 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- NOON, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 5 **E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENT**
9 A.M. - 1 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY STREET
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 499-0050
- 11, 12 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US
- 19 **RUMMAGE SALE HOSTED BY THE PLEASANT VALLEY SENIOR CENTER**
7 A.M. - 1 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY STREET
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 482-1996
- 27 **ADOLFO CAMARILLO'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**
12 NOON - 4 P.M., CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE
201 CAMARILLO RANCH ROAD, 389-8182
WWW.CAMARILLORANCH.ORG
- 31 **FRIGHT FESTIVAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL**
5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY STREET
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 482-1996 OR ONLINE
WWW.PVRPD.ORG

Be Kind to Your Lawn: Water Only as Needed

Temperature, humidity, and wind dramatically affect how much water your lawn needs and therefore how frequently you need to water. Many people over-water without realizing it. Over-watering is bad for your lawn's health and could lead to fungus, disease, and weeds.

TIP: Before watering, look for signs that your lawn is thirsty. When grass needs water, it begins to take on a blue-gray tint and the blades curl up or wilt. Also, the grass doesn't bounce back, so footprints remain on it longer than usual.

If you wait until you see the above signs before you water, grass roots will grow deeper. Be sure to apply enough water each time to penetrate down to the root zone, though. Frequent shallow watering causes grass to grow shallow roots, leaving them more susceptible to drought and certain diseases and encouraging weeds. For further information and irrigation advice, visit www.camarillogardening.com.

Please Maintain Your Ditches and Slopes

Yes, it's fall already. And your City officials remind you that it's time to prepare for the upcoming rainy season. Private slopes and drainage facilities—such as V-ditches and storm-drain inlets/lines—must be properly cleaned and kept clear of debris. If you fail to do this, the result could be damage to your property as well as to your downhill neighbors'.

What's more, sediment and pollutants that erode from slopes or come out of private drains end up in our storm-drain system. Once there, they find their way into creeks and wind up in the ocean without treatment. Then sea life can be harmed.

So don't ditch your ditches or slough off your slopes. Help ensure public safety, prevent erosion, and avoid potential flooding by promptly stabilizing, repairing, and maintaining (that means ongoing work, if needed) all slopes, ditches, and drainage facilities on your property.

For more on stormwater pollution and erosion control, or to report potential stormwater problems, contact the City's Stormwater Program Manager at (805) 383-5659.





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Telephone Directory

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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 (Dial-A-Ride)	988-4228
Economic Development:	388-5349	Camarillo Library	388-5222
Trash Collection (E.J. Harrison):	647-1414	Fire Department (non-emergency)	389-9710
Recycling & Hazardous Waste:	388-5392	Graffiti Reports	388-5338
Hazardous Waste Appt. Line:	987-0717	Police Department (non-emergency)	388-5100
City Clerk	388-5316	Camarillo Post Office	383-9804
Finance	388-5320	City Website	
Accounts Payable:	388-5352	www.ci.camarillo.ca.us	
Business Licenses:	388-5330	City E-mail Address	
Utility Billing/Customer Service:	388-5325	cityhall@ci.camarillo.ca.us	
Community Development	388-5360	Camarillo Library Website	
Code Compliance:	383-5660	www.camarillolibrary.org	
Public Works	388-5380	Social Services Hotline: 211	
Streets:	388-5338	Camarillo Government Channel	
Water:	388-5373	Channel 10 (Time Warner customers)	
Engineering:	388-5340	Channel 29 (Verizon FiOS customers)	
Traffic:	388-5340		
Water Reclamation:	388-5332		

