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52nd Holiday Parade, “The Four Paws of Christmas”

The 52nd Camarillo Christmas Parade is going to the dogs and other animals, starting at 10 a.m. on **Saturday, Dec. 14**. This year’s theme, “The Four Paws of Christmas,” will highlight our four-legged friends as they participate with auto, band, equestrian, float, and specialty units parading from the corner of Temple and Las Posas to Community Center Park. Our Grand Marshal, Clifford the Big Red Dog, will have the kids jumping for joy as he rides with the parade and meets his fans at the end of the route at Santa’s Village Holiday Carnival in Community Center Park.

Join us before the parade kicks off for the exciting Marching Band Competition on Temple Avenue between Ponderosa and Temple, across from the First Baptist Church. This battle of the bands begins at 8:45 a.m., so arrive early to get a seat.

Parade seating and festivities are also available at Santa’s Village Holiday Carnival at the Camarillo Community Center, 1605 E. Burnley Street. Enjoy live music, arts and craft vendors, food vendors, kids’ attractions, and much more, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more details on the parade and carnival, visit our website at www.pvrpd.org or call (805) 482-1996, ext.18.

Make Room for the Holidays—Recycle E-Waste

On **Saturday, Nov. 16**, an e-waste collection event will be held at Adolfo Camarillo High School baseball field parking lot, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Future Farmers of America, Camarillo Chapter, is working with PC Recycle to provide this free service for City residents.

Here’s what you can bring: computers, computer components, fax machines, DVD and VCR players, keyboards, MP3 players, power supplies, external hard drives, zip drives, server cabinets, stereo equipment, TVs, pagers, speakers, telephone equipment, wireless devices, monitors, scanners, video game systems, audio/visual equipment, cellular phones, and similar items.

Here are the no-no’s: household and commercial appliances such as refrigerators, washers, and dryers, or any hazardous material waste such as paint and household batteries.

All money raised from the e-waste will benefit the Future Farmers of America. For more information, call PC Recycle at (805) 499-0050.



Parade participants prepare for the start of last year’s annual Christmas Parade.

Less Water = More Bucks

Fall is here, bringing cooler weather and fall colors. Cooler weather reduces our need for landscape watering, which is easily controlled by resetting your irrigation controller.

Irrigation controllers are often overlooked when weather patterns change. When fall comes, it's just as important to reset your irrigation controller as it is to change the filter in your furnace.

Don't have a controller yet? Click onto www.bewaterwise.com for possible rebates on weather-based irrigation controllers as well as appliances that can save you money by saving water: water-efficient clothes washers, rotating sprinkler nozzles, and toilets. You'll find lots of good watering tips, too.



Please help us...save water

You might ask, "How do I find out how long I should run my sprinklers in the winter?" Find the answer at the same www.bewaterwise.com website by clicking on "The Watering Index and Calculate." Follow the easy directions and you'll soon have a customized watering schedule. If you don't have a computer handy, simply call the So-Cal Water Smart hotline at (888) 376-3314.

For a wealth of other information on landscape planning and water conservation, visit our gardening website at www.camarillogardening.com.

Go Greener by Recycling Cartons

Wait! Don't throw those food cartons in your green trash bin any longer. From here on out, place them in your blue recycling bin instead. Happily, there's now a market for them to be recycled into new products. E.J. Harrison & Sons accepts cartons that fall into two categories: shelf-stabled and refrigerated.

Shelf-stabled cartons include:

- Juice
- Milk
- Soy and grain milk
- Soup and broth
- Wine

Refrigerated cartons include:

- Juice
- Milk
- Cream and cream substitutes (Mocha Mix, etc.)
- Egg substitutes
- Soy and grain milk

Questions? Call (805) 647-1414.



First-Home Buyers Can Save Thousands!



Ready to buy your first home? Congratulations! And guess what? If you purchase your home with a Mortgage Credit Certificate, you may save thousands of dollars in federal income taxes.

If you have not owned a home in the past three years and could use help in qualifying for a loan, this program might assist you. Maximum income is \$99,705 for a household of three or more. You need to apply through a reputable lender. Complete details for buyers and lenders are shown at www.ahahousing.com. For other questions, please call Associate Planner Michael B. Smith at (805) 388-5367.

"Las Personas Son La Ciudad"

Nonprofits Should Attend Grants Workshop

Does your organization need more money to do more good? Then mark your calendars: On Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., the City of Camarillo will conduct a workshop for nonprofit groups and agencies seeking Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Community Service Grants for fiscal year 2014-2015. The workshop will be held at the Camarillo Public Library, 4101 Las Posas Road.

If you plan to request funding through either of these sources, we urge you to attend the workshop. Afterwards, applications will be available online; filing deadline is Friday, Jan. 24, 2014.

CDBG funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. They are earmarked to create more viable urban communities by providing suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. These funds may be used for housing, public services, public facilities, and economic-development activities.

Community Service Grants come from the City of Camarillo. They are available to qualified groups with a current 501(c) (3) registration, such as community service organizations, nonprofit corporations, and parent/teacher groups. Capital projects and community service activities (including enhancement of established events and programs) that directly serve or benefit Camarillo residents are eligible.

For additional information regarding CDBG, please contact Michael Smith at (805) 388-5367 or by e-mail at msmith@ci.camarillo.ca.us. For additional information regarding Community Service Grants, please contact Deborah Whitlock at (805) 383-5654 or by e-mail at dwhitlock@ci.camarillo.ca.us.

Plan Now to Recycle Your Christmas Tree

It may seem early to think about after Christmas when you haven't even bought your presents yet, but really it's right around the corner. So you'll be glad to know that E.J. Harrison & Sons and the City of Camarillo make it easy for you to recycle your Christmas tree. First you need to remove the ornaments, hooks, lights, tinsel, bows, nails, and the tree stand. Then cut the tree into four-foot sections and place them in your tan yard-waste barrel on trash collection day during the two weeks after Dec. 25.

If you prefer to enjoy your tree well into the New Year, it can still be recycled on future collection days as long as it is cut to fit inside the yard-waste barrel. Also, for the first time this holiday season, E.J. Harrison & Sons is accepting flocked Christmas trees for recycling.

All collected trees will be processed into various sizes of mulch, which is used by the Agromin company to make several products that benefit our farmlands, orchards, nurseries, and home gardens.

Another post-holiday special service allows Camarillo's solid-waste customers to put out double the weekly amount of trash, at no additional charge, for the two weeks following the Dec. 25 holiday. Place extra trash in plastic or paper bags next to your trash barrel. Happy New Year!

Calling Future Helpers and Heroes

A new year is coming up, and it brings a new chance to become a future hero by training to help during a crisis as a member of the Camarillo Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

The course will take place on 3 consecutive Saturdays from Jan. 11 through 25. CERT classes are held at the Ventura County Fire Department training center at Camarillo Airport. Firefighters provide instruction in triage, first aid, extinguishing fires, search and rescue, cribbing, terrorism response, and more. Class times run from 9 a.m. to approximately 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. Can you see yourself outfitted in all your gear, setting out to help neighbors in need? Then register for this course by calling Heidi at (805) 383-5688 or sending an e-mail to hzahrt@ci.camarillo.ca.us.

Wonderful Winter Programs & Events at Our Library

Bridging Cultures Film – Sunday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m., *Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World* with brief discussion led by Imam Yama Niazi of Ventura County Islamic Center.

Outstanding Professionals Employment Network (OPEN) – Dec. 9 - 13. A no-cost, intensive workshop cosponsored by Russell Fischer Business Collection, to help job seekers with outplacement training, networking, direct business contact. Register online at www.eu-open.org/

Business Series

- “Power of E-mail Marketing” – Tuesday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. to noon
- “Social Media Marketing Made Simple” – Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to noon
- Grow Your Business - Tuesday, Dec. 17th -10am to noon

Home-Buying Workshop – Thursdays, Nov. 7 & Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. Presented by Area Housing Authority; includes first-time homebuyers. Limited seating; RSVP to (805) 764-6297.

“Mind-Body Care at the End of Life” – Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m. Chaplain Jay E. Lee on the spiritual side of hospice care.

Civic Reflection Exercise (for adults) – Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. Build community, deepen understanding, strengthen commitment to civic life. Limited seating.

Hospice Care – Monday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m. Discussion with Camarillo Hospice.

Looking for Roots! – VC Genealogical Society volunteers stand by to help in 2nd floor Genealogy Area: Mondays/Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 4 p.m.; plus 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon.

Computing With Confidence: Drop-In Computer Help – Tuesdays/Wednesdays, 2 to 2:30 p.m. and 2:30–3 p.m., 2nd floor Tech Lab. Registration required.

Holiday Sing-Along for the Whole Family – Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. in Pirate Ship with our favorite folksinger, TJ Zeiler.

@ the Library 24/7 – Sunday, Nov. 17, at 1 p.m. in Homework Center. Learn about online resources for students.

Children’s Programs

- PAWs for Reading – Mondays & Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., through Dec. 11.
- Family Storytime in the Pirate Ship – Tuesdays at 7p.m. (No storytime Dec. 24 or Dec. 31).
- International Game Day – Saturday, Nov. 16. LEGOs and board games all day, Children’s Area.
- LEGOs/Games Day - Saturday, Dec. 14. LEGOs and board games all day.
- Performance of "Little Edwin's Triumph" (Juvenile Diabetes) by Robin Aliece Borakove – Monday, Nov. 25, at 10 a.m.
- Chanukah Storytime with Morah Leah – Dec. 3 & 4 at 10 a.m. in Pirate Ship. Interactive puppet show, dreidel play, songs, and a holiday craft.

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

- Nov. 7 – *A Place at the Table: documentary about hunger in the U.S.* – shown in partnership with Congresswoman Julia Brownley
- Nov. 14 – *The Great Gatsby* (2013)
- Dec. 3 – *From Here to Eternity* (1953) - Special Classic film
- Dec. 12 – *Mud* (2013)
- Nov. 21 – *World War Z* (2013)
- Dec. 5 – *Now You See Me* (2013)
- Dec. 19 – *Red 2* (2013)

Teen Programs

- **Writers Club** – First three Mondays each month. Share work with peers and get constructive feedback. Meet at couches by the entrance, then move to Conf. Room at 4 p.m.
- **Book Club** – Meets in Conf. Room from 4 to 6 p.m., third Tuesday each month. Nov. 19 – discuss the book we just read, receive free copies of the next book, and eat cheap licorice.

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).

NOTE: The library will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 & 28, plus Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, and it will close at 5 p.m. the day before each holiday.



November 2013

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- NOON, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 28 **FREE, TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER**
CAMARILLO MOOSE FAMILY CENTER
341 SUITE A, ARNEILL ROAD, CAMARILLO
11 A.M. - 4 P.M., 484-9118

December 2013

- 7, 14, 21, 28 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- NOON, CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 482-1507
- 4 **COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING**
5 P.M. - 6:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
FOR MORE INFO., CALL 383-7882
- 7 **HOSPICE TREE OF LIFE "TREE LIGHTING"**
4 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
- 8 **MEADOWLARK SERVICE LEAGUE**
ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME TOUR FUNDRAISER
1 P.M. - 5 P.M., VARIOUS LOCATIONS, CAMARILLO
FOR DETAILS, CALL 987-4095
WWW.MEADOWLARKSERVICELEAGUE.COM
- 13, 14 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US
- 14 **CAMARILLO CHRISTMAS PARADE**
10 A.M., CORNER OF TEMPLE AND LAS POSAS
FOR DETAILS, VISIT WWW.PVRPD.ORG

Protect Yourself & Your Family: Ask Solicitors for a Permit

Who's that knocking at your door? Find out before you open up. Speak loudly through it to learn if this is a salesperson or charity worker. If so, tell them you will want to see their City of Camarillo solicitation permit. Don't open if they say they can't produce one.

Even with so much online shopping, door-to-door selling and charity requests are still common. All commercial solicitors (salespeople) operating within the City—even ones who are just leaving brochures or business cards at homes or businesses—must carry a permit issued by the Camarillo's Business Tax Division.

Solicitors from religious and charitable groups (nonprofits) must also carry a permit when they seek donations in any public place or door-to-door—and they must show it to you when you ask to see it. Nonprofit solicitation permits are issued by the City Clerk's office. (Charitable and religious organizations don't have to do this if they're only providing information.)

Here's something else: All solicitors must respect "No Solicitors" signs. If someone comes to your door even though you have posted such a sign outside your home or business, try to get the person's name or at least the company's or charity's name, then call the Business Tax Division at (805) 388-5330 or the City Clerk's office at (805) 388-5353. If you call after normal business hours, leave a voicemail.

If a solicitor cannot produce a permit or doesn't want to take "no" for an answer, we urge you to call the Camarillo Police Department at (805) 388-5100. If you feel threatened by a solicitor, call 9-1-1 for emergency help.

Make this a habit and teach your children to do the same: Always ask to see permits!

Thank You, Coastal Cleanup Volunteers!

Our 29th annual California Coastal Cleanup Day took place on Sept. 21, 2013. In Camarillo, 216 volunteers removed 1,372 pounds of trash and recyclables from two locations: Calleguas Creek and the barranca off Mission Oaks Park. Volunteers worked hard to stop debris at these sources, which prevents it from entering our waterways and ending up in our ocean. Along with picking up after others, our environmental saviors collected data on just what they picked up and in what quantities. This gives us important statistics on problematic debris.

Camarillo's volunteers were part of the annual statewide event in which more than 51,000 volunteers removed nearly 472,000 pounds of trash and 30,530 pounds of recyclables from California's beaches, shorelines, and inland waterways. We owe a welcome debt of gratitude to all of those who dedicated their time to making our environment a better place.

Remember, too, that caring for our coastline is a year-round job. The City of Camarillo and the California Coastal Commission continue to ask all residents to take responsibility for ensuring that trash is disposed of properly—securely in a trash can, recycling bin, or (when appropriate) a hazardous-waste facility.

Thank you all once more for your help, and we hope to see you again next year!

"The People Are The City"



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Verizon: (888) 553-1555

City Cable TV Representative: 388-5349
Economic Development: 388-5349
Trash Collection (E.J. Harrison): 647-1414
Recycling & Hazardous Waste: 388-5392
Hazardous Waste Appt. Line: 987-0717

City Clerk 388-5316

Finance 388-5320
Accounts Payable: 388-5352
Business Licenses: 388-5330
Utility Billing/Customer Service: 388-5325

Community Development 388-5360
Code Compliance: 383-5660

Public Works 388-5380
Streets: 388-5338
Water: 388-5373
Engineering: 388-5340
Traffic: 388-5340
Water Reclamation: 388-5332

Abandoned Vehicles 388-5150
Airport Noise Complaints 388-4202
Animal Services 388-4341
Building & Safety 388-5395
Camarillo Area Transit (Dial-A-Ride) 988-4228
Camarillo Library 388-5222
Fire Department (non-emergency) 389-9710
Graffiti Reports 388-5338
Police Department (non-emergency) 388-5100
Camarillo Post Office 383-9804

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