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## Watch Your Mailbox for Census Questionnaire

Every household in the country will receive a Census questionnaire in the mail beginning in March 2010. To ensure an accurate and fair count of all populations across the nation's diverse communities, someone in every household needs to respond to the questionnaire. Spending just a few minutes completing your form will help ensure Camarillo gets its fair share of federal and state funding. Forms are easy to fill out and have even fewer questions than in the past. Some 140,000 Census workers are expected to be on the streets nationwide starting in April, knocking on doors to collect the information in person from those residents who have not completed and returned their forms.

### The Better Business Bureau offers these important tips to prevent identity theft:

- U.S. Census Bureau workers going door-to-door will have badges, handheld devices, Census Bureau canvas bags and confidentiality notices. Ask to see both ID and a badge before answering questions. (Never invite anyone you don't know into your home.)
- Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, its employees will not ask for Social Security, banking or credit card information, nor will they solicit donations.
- Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. However, the U.S. Census Bureau will NOT use e-mail, so watch for e-mail scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail purporting to be from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more information on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

## Camarillo Library Celebrates Third Anniversary

The Camarillo Library celebrates its third anniversary on Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m. with **Duffy Hudson** in a portrayal of Albert Einstein. Join us for a fun and engaging explanation of Albert Einstein's theories.

On Saturday, March 6 at 10 a.m., local author **Kathleen Contreras** will read from her bilingual book and share a popular Mexican game called Loteria. It's a fun game for the whole family!

An Author Series for Teens entitled "Write Out Loud" will feature **Valerie Hobbs** on Wednesday, March 10 at 4 p.m. Ms. Hobbs will share her passion for writing.

On Saturday, April 10 at 10 a.m., the **Jumbo Shrimp Circus** will present "Circus in a Box."

**Charles "Wsir" Johnson** will present a program featuring African Inspired Arts on Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m. He will showcase musical instruments from Africa.

**Dallas Woodburn**, a young local author, will offer tips for dealing with all aspects of publishing, on Wednesday, April 21 at 4 p.m.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., join us for **Book Buddies** in the Discovery Room. Volunteers from the Kiwanis Club of Camarillo and the community will read with students to help improve their reading skills.

## Special Emergency Assistance

Do you or does someone you know need special assistance in an emergency? The Ventura County Human Services Agency (HSA) maintains a registry of individuals who require special consideration during emergency situations. The City of Camarillo is assisting the HSA by collecting information from residents who require special help evacuating their homes.



Assistance is just a phone call away.

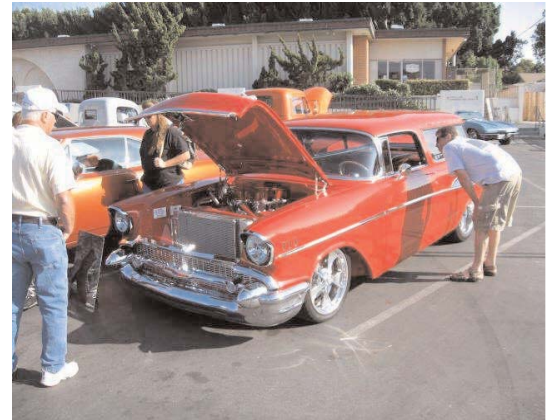
The collected information will be maintained in Camarillo's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). All information is confidential, and will only be used by emergency management personnel.

If you have special needs, and would require assistance to evacuate your residence, please mail your information to: Emergency Management, City of Camarillo, P.O. Box 248, Camarillo, CA 93011-0248.

If you live in a group home or assisted living facility, please speak to facility management about this program. If you have questions regarding the special needs registry, please call (805) 388-5349 or e-mail [CityHall@ci.camarillo.ca.us](mailto:CityHall@ci.camarillo.ca.us).

## Camarillo Old Town Cruise Night

The Old Town Association will host the 2010 Classic Car Cruise Nights in Old Town Camarillo. The first cruise night will be held on Friday, April 23 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cruise nights will continue on the fourth Friday of each month through September 24.



Camarillo residents viewing the classic cars on display in 2009.

Both car lovers and enthusiasts will have the opportunity to reminisce and enjoy pre-1980 vintage cars on display along a section of Ventura Boulevard between Elm and Fir Streets, and in the parking lots of the former courthouse and Los Primeros School.

This event also offers residents and visitors the opportunity to shop and dine while enjoying the beautification and historical preservation of Old Town Camarillo.

If you would like to learn more about Classic Car Cruise Nights, please call Tom Maloney at (805) 443-9219.

## A Paper Shredding Success

Twenty-five tons of paper were shredded and more than nine hundred people participated in Camarillo's Shred Day, a free community service held on January 16. The City of Camarillo partnered with RSI Services 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 shred on-site.

The community response to Shred Day was so popular that the City will host another event on **Saturday, April 10, 2010**, from 9 a.m. to 3 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 be charged a fee of \$4 each. Plastic and trash items will not be accepted. Personal documents will be handled on the spot in a specially marked RSI shredding truck before delivery to a recycling center in Ventura County. There is no need to remove tape, paper clips, or rubber bands. However, paper should be removed from binders and hard-bound notebooks. Customer boxes will be returned to participants for reuse after their paper is collected.

For more information, please call RSI Services at (805) 236-5138.



Avoid identity theft by taking preventive actions, such as shredding, to protect yourself.

# Spring Cleaning Recycling and Disposal Guide

It's time to clean out your garage and attic. What can you do with that dingy old chair or mattress and the other clutter gathered during your cleaning spree? Below are some suggestions for several recycling and disposal programs available to residents.

## Bulky Item Disposal—Call (805) 647-1414

City of Camarillo solid waste customers (those who receive a trash bill directly from the City) can have two bulky items picked up per calendar year by E.J. Harrison and Sons *without an additional charge, by appointment only*. Accepted items include mattresses, appliances, water heaters, furniture, etc., and tree stumps that are no larger than two feet in diameter, four feet in length, and weigh no more than fifty pounds.

For non-City of Camarillo refuse customers, E.J. Harrison and Sons, the City's franchised solid waste hauler, will charge \$25 per bulky item, plus handling fees for special handling such as freon removal, cathode ray tube recycling and other hard-to-handle items.

## Refuse Bin Rental—Call (805) 647-1414

Three-cubic-yard refuse bins and large roll-off containers may be rented for big cleanup projects. E.J. Harrison and Sons will invoice customers directly for these services.

## Hazardous Waste Program—Call (805) 987-0717

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) such as paint, solvents, pesticides, pool chemicals, and household cleaners must **NOT** be discarded in your solid waste or recycling barrels. The City's HHW drop-off center is open the second consecutive Friday and Saturday of each month by appointment only. Used motor oil and oil filters may be recycled at the drop-off location or State-certified recycling centers. Call 1-800-CLEANUP for locations to the nearest centers.

## Universal Waste Program—Call (805) 987-0717

Common batteries such as AA, AAA, C and D cells, button batteries (e.g., hearing aids), fluorescent tubes and bulbs and other mercury-containing lamps and thermometers (sealed-glass style), contain toxic chemicals that can cause harm to people, animals and the environment if not discarded properly. This waste must **NOT** be discarded in your solid waste or recycling barrels. Please contact the City's household hazardous waste drop-off center for an appointment. For additional drop-off locations, please visit the City's website at [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us).

## Electronic Waste Recycling—Call (805) 388-6068

All computers, printers, monitors and peripherals, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, fax machines, stereos, radios, cell



Electronic waste ready to be recycled.

phones, speakers, and other electronic waste must **NOT** be discarded in landfills because they may contain hazardous toxic materials.

Recycle e-waste free of charge at G&C Technologies, 90 Camarillo Street. They are open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The City of Camarillo's "**Odds-N-Ends Guide**," available on the web at [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us), is also an excellent source for recycling or disposal of various items.

For additional information on universal waste and e-waste, contact the City's Recycling Coordinator at (805) 388-5392.

# Proper Disposal of Used Needles (Sharps)

St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital offers a program for proper disposal of used sharps. St. John's accepts sharps that are properly placed in disposal containers. Sharps are accepted at the hospital information desk Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For safety reasons, sharps will not be accepted in liquid detergent bottles, bleach bottles, coffee cans, glass containers, milk jugs or soda bottles. When sharps are turned in, a new container will be provided without charge. Sharps containers are available free of charge at St. John's information desk.

If you would like more information about this program, please call Beverley Taylor at (805) 389-5176.



# Think Before You Drain!

As summer approaches, the City of Camarillo would like to remind its residents of the regulations pertaining to swimming pool discharge. If you own or maintain a swimming pool, please be aware of proper pool maintenance and the harm pool waste can cause to our creeks and ocean. Pool water contains pollutants such as salts and chlorine that could end up in our waterways if not drained correctly.

Properly maintained pools should require draining no more than once every 10 years. Following are stormwater pollution prevention requirements for proper pool maintenance:

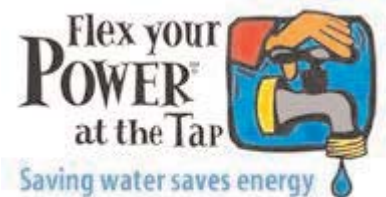


- Effective August 2009, it is illegal to discharge water from salt-water chemistry pools into storm drains or sewer systems. This water must be hauled to an ocean discharging disposal facility. If you have a salt-water pool, you may want to consider the higher disposal costs and replace the salt-water pool chemistry system with a fresh water system.
- Prior to draining a fresh-water pool, inspect and clean the drainage path (curb/gutter/street) that the water discharge will travel through to ensure that trash, sediment and other debris do not wash to the storm drain system with the pool water.
- Using a pool test kit (available from a pool supplier), check the fresh-water pool's chlorine level before draining. It must be at or below 0.1 parts per million (ppm) before it can be discharged. If it exceeds that level, it can be reduced before draining by either waiting several days to weeks without adding additional chlorine or by adding commercially available chlorine reducers (available from pool supply stores). Always discontinue pool use when chlorine drops below 1.0 ppm.
- Acid wash wastewater or other pool cleaning wastewater should never be drained into the street, gutter or storm drain system.
- Pool filter backwash (diatomaceous earth) should never be washed into the street, gutter or storm drain system. If no harmful chemicals are present, filter waste should be bagged wet and placed in a trash container.
- Read the directions before using any pool chemical. Avoid the use of copper based algacides. Copper levels can easily build up to hazardous levels, killing aquatic organisms if drained into the environment. Instead use hypochlorite shock treatment.
- Before draining your swimming pool, please notify the City's stormwater program manager at (805) 383-5659. You should also notify your water purveyor, for City of Camarillo customers, that number is (805) 388-5373 so you will not be cited for water waste under the water conservation program.

Please consider our environment when draining your swimming pool and if you have any questions about the pool drainage and cleaning procedures, please call the City's stormwater program manager at (805) 383-5659.

## Spring Into Water Conservation

The first day of spring is March 20, and many residents are already planning to beautify and improve their landscaping. For all the gardeners in our community, the City of Camarillo website includes a link to "Water Wise Gardening," which is chock full of information on plant selection, plant placement, water conservation, irrigation systems, answers to frequently-asked questions, garden tours and much more. This information is specific to Ventura County landscaping and climate, so take a look—we think you will enjoy it! You will find the link to "Water Wise Gardening" on the City's home page at [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us).



Water conservation is not only necessary during times of drought, it needs to be a way of life in our arid Southern California climate. Even if it appears that we have had adequate rainfall, it will take several years of above-normal precipitation to make up for the dry years. Using "Water Wise Gardening" tips as you prepare to update your home's landscaping can make a significant difference in your water use.

If you need water conservation information or would like a home and garden water survey, call the Water Division at (805) 388-5373.

"Las Personas Son La Ciudad"



## March 2010

- 6, 13, 20, 27 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**  
**SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE**  
 8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- 12, 13 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**  
 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ON-LINE  
[WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US](http://WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US)

## April 2010

- 3, 10, 17, 24 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**  
**SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE**  
 8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- 9, 10 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**  
 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ON-LINE  
[WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US](http://WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US)
- 10 **PAPER SHREDDING DAY**  
 1605 E. BURNLEY STREET, CAMARILLO  
 9 A.M. - 3 P.M., 236-5138, SUSAN BELLUSCHI
- 10 **KIWANIS 32ND ANNUAL 5/10K RUN**  
 PRE-REGISTRATION STARTS AT 6:30 A.M.,  
 1605 E. BURNLEY STREET, CAMARILLO.  
[WWW.KIWANIS-CLUB-OF-CAMARILLO.ORG](http://WWW.KIWANIS-CLUB-OF-CAMARILLO.ORG)
- 19 **MEADOWLARK SERVICE LEAGUE**  
**CHARITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT & LUNCHEON**  
 8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M., BOUTIQUE SHOPPING,  
 LUNCHEON, FASHION SHOW & DRAWINGS.  
 FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 630-7257 OR ON-LINE  
[WWW.MEADOWLARKSERVICELEAGUE.COM](http://WWW.MEADOWLARKSERVICELEAGUE.COM)
- 23 **CAMARILLO OLD TOWN CRUISE NIGHT**  
 5 P.M.- 8 P.M., OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 443-9219

## May 2010

- 1, 2 **CAMARILLO CELTIC FAIR**  
 SATURDAY, 9 A.M. - 7 P.M., SUNDAY, 11 A.M. -  
 5:30 P.M., FREEDOM PARK IN CAMARILLO
- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**  
**SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE**  
 8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- 14, 15 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**  
 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ON-LINE  
[WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US](http://WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US)
- 23 **CAMARILLO OLD TOWN CRUISE NIGHT**  
 5 P.M.- 8 P.M., OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 443-9219

## Camarillo Police Department Offers Free Parenting Workshop

Are you frustrated with your teenager or preteen? Are they becoming defiant, out of control, or difficult to talk to or understand? Are you concerned about their 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 free, 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

### The workshop will address some of the following items:

- How to love your children when you have a hard time liking them;
- Why traditional parenting interventions often fail;
- How to NEVER argue with your child again;
- How to get increased compliance with the house rules;
- What to do about drugs, sex, gangs, poor grades, running away, and violence; and finally,
- How to utilize the help that is out there for you.

face today. The next Parent Project will take place on Wednesday evenings, March 10 to May 5, from 6 p.m. 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 Julie Novak at (805) 388-5131 or e-mail [julie.novak@ventura.org](mailto:julie.novak@ventura.org).

## Housing Rehabilitation Loans & Grants

Low-interest loans and grants are available for low- and very low-income residents of owner-occupied single family residences and mobile homes for the purpose of assisting with property repairs and improvements.

Most rehabilitation assistance is in the form of a low-interest loan. Grants are available to extremely low-income residents who do not have the ability to repay the loan. To learn more about this program, please contact Randy Richardson at (805) 388-5369. These funds are limited and the rehabilitation program will be offered until funds are depleted.

For program information and rehabilitation loan applications, please call the Comprehensive Housing Services (714) 841-6610.

"The People Are The City"



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## ECRWSS RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

### 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 Regulation</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 (Dial-A-Ride)</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 (non-emergency)</b>	<b>389-9710</b>
Recycling & Hazardous Waste:	388-5392	<b>Graffiti Reports</b>	<b>388-5338</b>
City Hazardous Waste Appts.	987-0717	<b>Police Department (non-emergency)</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.ventcolibrary.org">www.ventcolibrary.org</a>	
Code Compliance:	383-5660	<b>Camarillo Government Channel</b>	
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>388-5380</b>	<b>Channel 10 (Time Warner Customers)</b>	
Streets:	388-5338	<b>Channel 29 (Verizon FiOS Customers)</b>	
Water:	388-5373	<b>Call 2-1-1 Help Starts</b>	
Engineering:	388-5340		
Traffic:	388-5340		
Sanitation:	388-5332		

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