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Camarillo Christmas Parade & Santa's Village



The 57th Annual Camarillo Christmas Parade & Santa's Village Are on the Way! It'll be "A Cosmic Christmas" at this year's **Camarillo Christmas Parade, 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.** Organized by the Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District, two special Grand Marshals will be announced very soon! Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the festivities and appreciate over one hundred entries as they cruise, walk, and march on by, along with Santa himself waving as he rides down the route in his sleigh.

The parade begins at the corner of Temple and Las Posas, turns onto Carmen Dr. and ends at the Community Center, but the fun doesn't end there! You can also explore all the merriment **Santa's Village** has to offer, **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, at the end of the parade route. Do your holiday shopping at numerous vendor booths, enjoy live musical entertainment and savor delicious treats from a number of food vendors, while the kids create holiday crafts and enjoy inflatable attractions. Be sure to arrive early to get your photo taken with Santa and the Grand Marshals. For more details on the parade and Santa's Village, please visit www.pvrpd.org.

Emergencies Happen — Are You Ready?

Emergency preparedness isn't always at the top of our to-do lists; however, getting your family, pets, home, and vehicles ready for an emergency takes minimal effort. Even as we have become more accustomed to fall fire weather, emergency incidents can still catch us completely off-guard. That said, let's talk about the simple things that everyone can do.



Register for VC Alert. VC Alert is a free emergency notification system, and registration takes just a few minutes. During an incident that impacts Camarillo, you will be notified by text, voice, or email (or all three). Register at VCAlert.org, or text to **313131**. For questions, please call the VC Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services at (805) 654-2551.



A recent issue of CityScene discussed Southern California Edison's (SCE) Public Safety Power Shutoff program, or PSPS. During a PSPS, Edison may shut off electricity to one or more circuits. There are 13 circuit areas in Camarillo that can be impacted. Information is available on the City's website. If you have special medical needs that require continuous power, please call SCE at (800) 655-4555, or go to www.SCE.com/PSPS.

What about emergency kits for your home and vehicle(s)? Emergency kits are available from various sources, such as the Red Cross. Additionally, there are plenty of websites with information on how to assemble emergency kits, including www.ReadyVenturaCounty.org.

The return on safety for you and your family is absolutely worth the time to check out these programs. Seismic experts continue to predict a substantial earthquake for California, and Ventura County is among the state's most active fault zones. Santa Ana winds can quickly turn brush fires into regional emergencies, and heavy rains/flooding have done significant damage in Camarillo. Preparedness won't keep emergencies from happening, but it can make a huge difference when emergencies occur.

Recycle Your Tree...and Keep on Recycling!

E.J. Harrison & Sons and the City of Camarillo make it easy for you to dispose of your Christmas trees after the holidays. From **Dec. 26 to Jan. 9**, put your tree out on trash day and Harrison will collect it and send it to its partner Agromin for composting.

Remove everything from the tree, including nails and stand; *cut it into 4-foot sections*; and place it in your tan yard-waste barrel for pickup. Flocked trees are accepted.

In ongoing recycling news: Harrison has a simple mantra for its customers: **DON'T STOP RECYCLING!**

Mixed messages about the recycling industry are confusing, but Harrison's message is clear: **DO NOT CHANGE** the outstanding recycling habits you've formed over the past several decades. Keep on recycling!



Thank You 2019 Coastal Cleanup Day Volunteers!



The 35th Anniversary of California Coastal Cleanup Day was held on September 21, 2019. In Camarillo, 257 volunteers removed 421 lbs. of trash and recyclables from two locations: Calleguas Creek and the Mission Oaks Park barranca. Volunteers worked hard to stop debris at the source, preventing it from entering our waterways and ending up in our ocean.

Camarillo's volunteers were part of the countywide event in which preliminary data reports that over 3,902 volunteers removed nearly 16,064 lbs. of trash and 1,032 lbs. of recyclables from Ventura County's beaches, shorelines and inland waterways. Thanks to all of those who devoted their time to cleaning up and making Camarillo a better place to live! The City and the California Coastal Commission continue to request that all residents take responsibility for ensuring trash is disposed of properly—securely in a trash can, recycling bin, or a hazardous waste facility when appropriate. Thank you for your help. We hope to see you again next year!

Code Compliance Pro-Active Residential Inspections

In an effort to maintain the property values, health, safety, and quality of life for residents and businesses within our community, the City of Camarillo conducts **Code Compliance Pro-Active Residential Inspections** twice a year, during spring and fall. Below are some of the common code violations found in residential neighborhoods:

- Trash and debris, old appliances, and similar discards in the front yard, side yard, driveway, or other areas visible to the public;
- Inoperable vehicles;
- Graffiti;
- Vehicles parked on an unapproved surface (examples: grass and dirt);
- Recreational vehicles blocking garage access and not parked at least 13 feet from the face of curbs;
- Trash receptacles stored in public view;
- Failure to maintain landscape (examples: lawns needing to be mowed; weeds needing to be removed; and overgrown plants and shrubs or trees growing into public rights-of-way such as streets and sidewalks).



Please help keep our neighborhoods beautiful. If you have questions, contact Code Compliance at (805) 383-5660.

Community Service Grants Available for Nonprofit Groups

Mark your calendars: Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., the City of Camarillo will provide a presentation for nonprofit groups and agencies seeking **Community Service Grants for Fiscal Year 2020/21**. The presentation will be held at the Camarillo Public Library, 4101 Las Posas Road. If you plan to request funding, we encourage you to attend. Applications will be available online at www.cityofcamarillo.org, following the workshop. Applications are due **Friday, January 24, 2020**.

Community Service Grants are available to qualified nonprofit 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 Community Service Grants, contact Veronica Madrigal at (805) 388-5320 or email vmadrigal@cityofcamarillo.org.

"Las Personas Son La Ciudad"

Emergency Preparedness for Older Adults

The *Camarillo Council on Aging* is sponsoring an educational presentation titled Emergency Preparedness for Older Adults, **10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 14**, in the Community Room at the Camarillo Library. The presentation is open to the public, no reservations required.

Three speakers will present information followed by a Question and Answer session. One speaker will discuss **Preparing a Financial Emergency Kit**, a second speaker will talk about preparing a **Medication Go Bag**, and the third speaker will go over the City of Camarillo **Special Medical Needs Registry and SCE's Public Safety-Power Shutoff**. There will be an Information Resources Handout including speakers' names and contact information, references to online information and printed materials.



For questions contact: City Hall at (805) 388-5397 or camarillocouncilonaging@gmail.com.

Rules About Disabled Parking Spaces

California's disabled parking rules are meant to ensure that "only" those with true disabilities have access to preferential parking spaces.

Where can a person with a disabled placard/license plate park?

- In any space that has the wheelchair symbol (International Symbol of Access) and along a blue curb where handicapped parking is indicated.
- On-street metered spaces free of charge.
- In spaces on public streets where parking is usually reserved for residents and business customers.
- Along green curbs, indicating limited-time parking, for any amount of time.



Limitations:

- Even with a placard or plate you cannot park along a yellow curb, a white curb, or a red curb.
- It is also illegal for ANYONE to park in or on the striped "crosshatch" area next to a handicapped parking space.

Misuse of Placard:

- California law states you cannot misuse a disabled placard or license plate. This includes using someone else's placard, allowing someone to use your placard, altering a placard, or using a counterfeit placard. Placard abuse can result in the cancellation of the placard and either a fine or misdemeanor arrest.

If you were cited by the City of Camarillo police for parking in a disabled parking space (No Permit Displayed - CVC 22507.8(A)), and you have a current valid disabled placard, submit a copy of your current placard registration, and copy of the placard by going online to www.citationprocessingcenter.com within 21 days of the citation date (CVC 40226). An \$18 administrative fee is applicable. Additionally, you may mail the above information to City of Camarillo, Citation Processing Center, PO Box 10479, Newport Beach, CA 92658-0479.

Operation Snowflake Set to Brighten the Holidays

Are you a Military or Veteran family in need of some assistance this holiday? If so, the Ventura County Military Collaborative, Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District, Pleasant Valley Lions, and other local organizations would like to make your holidays a little brighter.

Operation Snowflake is a day of holiday cheer and gifts galore, donated by our amazing community. Santa, Toys, a BBQ lunch, gift cards and much more will make **Saturday, Dec. 21**, a day to honor those men and women and their families who have served this great nation. To sign up your family, and for additional information, please visit www.VCMilC.org.

If you would like to be an event sponsor, or donate to Operation Snowflake, please see information on the website or contact info@VCMilC.org or (805) 229-1404. Volunteer sign-ups are listed at www.VCMilC.org. This is a community based, non-profit event staffed by volunteers and funded by amazing community members in Ventura County. We look forward to seeing you at Operation Snowflake!



"The People Are The City"

Events and Programs at the Camarillo Public Library

Camarillo Public Library Comic-Con®: Registration is required at this mini-convention. Attendees of all ages are invited to celebrate comic books and pop culture by participating in crafts, activities, games, and creator panels. Cosplay is highly encouraged. The featured guest is Daniel Handler, otherwise known as Lemony Snicket—creator of the popular book series, movie, and television show *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9.**

One County, One Book 2019: Be sure to read *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean for One County, One Book 2019. Author Susan Orlean will be visiting CSU Channel Islands at **2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2.** For more information about this free event, please email askus@camarillolibrary.org.

Holiday Closures: Early Closing for Thanksgiving: **5 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 27.** The library will be closed all day on **Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29.**



Youth Events and Programs

Toddler Time: This storytime engages toddlers and their caregivers in early literacy exercises through Talk, Sing, Read, Write, and Play activities (stories, songs, and crafts) from **10 to 11 a.m., on Mondays.**

Homework Center: The Homework Center provides homework help for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Help is administered by library staff & library volunteer homework coaches, **3 to 6 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays.**

Preschool Storytime: This storytime engages preschoolers and their caregivers in early literacy exercises through Talk, Sing, Read, Write, and Play activities (stories, songs, and crafts) from **10 to 11 a.m., on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**

Bilingual Spanish Storytime: Share the joy of storytime through stories, songs, and crafts in Spanish and English, **7 to 8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 11.**

PJs and Pillow Pets Storytime: This storytime encourages children to relax and practice the art of listening as storytellers present stories and songs. Pajamas are encouraged. From **7 to 8 p.m., Tuesdays.**

PAWS for Reading: This program provides support and encouragement to reluctant or hesitant readers with the help of specially trained therapy dogs. Once a month, readers can receive a free book of their choice. Online registration is available and walk-ins are always welcome. From **3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4.**

What's Your Story? Reading/Writing Club: This club aims to introduce new types of books to kids ages 8-12. After reading books in a certain style, participants then try to write their own in a similar style, **3:30 to 4:30 p.m., every Friday.**

Youth Adults Events and Programs

Crafternoons: Join the library's new Crafternoons, from **3 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays in the Young Adult Center.**

- **Nov. 5 — Comic Book Buttons:** we will be making Comic Book Buttons to prepare for the Camarillo Library Comic-Con®.
- **Nov. 12 — No-Sew Pouch:** we will be making a no-sew pouch to hold all knick-knacks scattered throughout your backpacks.
- **Nov. 19 — Cornucopia:** we will be making our very own Cornucopia before the Thanksgiving break.

Board Game Hang: Join the library to play a wide array of board games in the **Young Adult Center** after school from **3 to 5 p.m., every Thursday.**

Adults Events and Programs

Genealogy Weekly Workshop: Join the Ventura County Genealogical Society for their weekly workshops in the 2nd floor Tech Lab. For beginners as well as experienced researchers. Each week a different topic is discussed. All are welcome. Meet from **10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesdays.**

Basic Tech Help: One-on-one technology assistance, **2 to 3 p.m., Saturdays.**

RCMakes: 3D Printing: Rancho Campana's RCMakes will present an introduction to 3D Printing. Bring your creative side to design a small leaf or pumpkin of your own. Register online at www.camarillolibrary.org. **Saturday, Nov. 2., from 3 to 4 p.m.**

Tuesday Morning Book Club: *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. **Tuesday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Thursday Evening Book Club: *Slouching Towards Bethlehem*: Essays by Joan Didion. **Thursday, Nov. 21, from 7 to 8 p.m.**

For a complete list of events and programs available at the Camarillo Public Library, please visit us online at www.camarillolibrary.org or contact us at (805) 388-5222. The Camarillo Public Library is located at 4101 Las Posas Road.

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November 2019

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M. - 12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 987-3347
- 8, 9 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG
- 14 **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS**
10 A.M. - 12 P.M., 4101 LAS POSAS RD.
CAMARILLO LIBRARY; COMMUNITY ROOM
FOR MORE INFO., CALL (805) 388-5397

December 2019

- 7, 14, 21, 28 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
8 A.M.- 12 P.M., CAMARILLO OLD TOWN, 987-3347
- 6 **SCIART WINTER WALK**
5 P.M. - 9 P.M., 2222 VENTURA BLVD., 383-1368
WWW.STUDIOCHANNELISLANDS.ORG
- 6 **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**
5 P.M. - 7 P.M., DIZDAR PARK
CAMARILLO OLD TOWN AT
GLENN DRIVE & VENTURA BLVD.
WWW.VISITCAMARILLO.COM
- 7 **SCIART HOLIDAY ART MARKET**
11 A.M. - 6 P.M., 2222 VENTURA BLVD., 383-1368
WWW.STUDIOCHANNELISLANDS.ORG
- 7 **HOSPICE TREE OF LIFE LIGHTING CEREMONY**
4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
WWW.LMVNA.ORG
- 8 **SCIART HOLIDAY ART MARKET**
12 P.M. - 5 P.M., 2222 VENTURA BLVD., 383-1368
WWW.STUDIOCHANNELISLANDS.ORG
- 8 **MEADOWLARK SERVICE LEAGUE**
RED BARN HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
10 A.M. - 4 P.M., 201 CAMARILLO RANCH RD.
- 8 **ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME TOUR FUNDRAISER**
1 P.M. - 5 P.M., VARIOUS LOCATIONS, CAMARILLO
WWW.MEADOWLARKSERVICELEAGUE.COM
- 10, 11, 17, 18 **SANTA NIGHTS AT THE CAMARILLO RANCH**
4:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M., CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE
201 CAMARILLO RANCH RD., 389-8182
WWW.CAMARILLORANCH.ORG
- 13, 14 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ONLINE
WWW.CITYOFCAMARILLO.ORG
- 14 **SANTA'S VILLAGE**
9 A.M.- 2 P.M., 1605 BURNLEY ST.
FOR DETAILS, CALL 482-1996
WWW.PVRPD.ORG
- 22 **COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING**
2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK

Camarillo Old Town Conceptual Plans

On **September 24, 2019**, the City of Camarillo hosted the third in a series of community workshops on the reuse of the former courthouse property, and renovation and reuse of Dizdar Park and adjacent former fire station property. The City's consultant, Goodale Architecture Planning, presented three different concept plans for each of the two Old Town properties based on input received from the community. Several community members participated in a small group exercise to select their preferred concept plans, along with providing feedback on additional components of the plans. The concept plans are available for viewing at www.cityofcamarillo.org/communitydevelopment.

It's not too late to let the City know what you think of the concept plans. Submit your comments online or send an email to Jaelyn Lee, Principal Planner, at jlee@cityofcamarillo.org. Community feedback specific to the concept plans will be presented to the City Council at their meeting, tentatively scheduled for **November 20, 2019**.

Did You Know?



A dangerous pest called the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) has been found in California and threatens the ability of homeowners to continue growing citrus in their backyards. The ACP carries a plant disease called *huanglongbing* (HLB), or citrus greening disease. While not harmful to human health, HLB is a death sentence for citrus. The presence of HLB has not yet been verified in Ventura County.

Here's what you can do to help protect 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 **(805) 491-1899** or by calling the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner at **(805) 388-4222**.
- 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.

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





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City Manager	388-5307	Camarillo Area Transit (Dial-A-Ride)	988-4228
Cable TV Liaison	(805) 388-5349	Camarillo Library	388-5222
Spectrum:	(888) 438-2427	Fire Department (non-emergency)	389-9710
Frontier:	(800) 921-8101	Graffiti Reports	388-5338
City Cable TV Representative:	388-5349	Police Department (non-emergency)	388-5100
Economic Development:	388-5349	Camarillo Post Office	383-9804
Trash Collection (E.J. Harrison):	647-1414	City Website	
Recycling & Hazardous Waste:	388-5392	www.cityofcamarillo.org	
Hazardous Waste Appt. Line:	987-0717	City E-mail Address	
Community Development	388-5360	cityhall@cityofcamarillo.org	
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