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CAMARILLO 2010 FIESTA and STREET FAIR

The annual Camarillo Fiesta & Street Fair returns to Old Town Camarillo the weekend of July 8-11. The multi-day festival features a carnival, craft vendors, car show, food booths, wine and beer garden, and free entertainment.

On Thursday, July 8, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., the carnival offers all rides priced at 50 cents for the 18 and under age group. The main festivities start at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 9, highlighted by a classic car cruise while *Ronnie and the Classics* and *Amanda and Travis Marsh* perform at the Dizdar Park stage. The fair closes at 10 p.m., and reopens Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Along with the carnival and street vendors, there will be continuous live entertainment, featuring such local favorites as *Somis Highway*, *Tempo Cats*, *Pentasonic* and *Adolfo Camarillo High School Jazz Band*. Featured performers are *Area 51*, *Louie Cruz Beltran*, *Carbe-Durand Flamenco Guitars*, *Buena Ventura Guitar Duo*, *Pier 101*, *Hybrid*, *Tony Ybarra* and *Ronnie Gutierrez* of the *Tonight Show*. Sunday, July 11, the Fiesta is open 12 noon to 7 p.m.

Ventura Boulevard will be closed to traffic from Oak Street to Glenn Drive, and the Arneill Road bridge southbound lanes will be closed to traffic on July 10 and 11, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Free shuttle service to the Street Fair will be available on Saturday and Sunday from stops at the Metrolink Station, Camarillo Community Center and the Ponderosa Shopping Center. For more information, including entertainment scheduling, please visit www.camarillofiesta.org or call (805) 312-5154.

Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular

Camarillo's annual fireworks will be held at Adolfo Camarillo High School (4660 Mission Oaks Boulevard) on Sunday, July 4th. Tickets are now available at City Hall (601 Carmen Drive) and at the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District office (1605 E. Burnley). They will also be available at the stadium gate on Sunday.

The event will feature food vendors, live music, entertainment, and fireworks beginning at 9 p.m.

For your convenience, free parking and shuttle service will be available at the Metrolink Station on E. Lewis Road. Shuttle service will begin at 4 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. For more information, please call the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District office at (805) 482-1996.

Free Shuttles!

For details, please
call (805) 482-1996

GATES open at

4 p.m.

FIREWORKS at 9 p.m.

Admission

Adults.....\$2
Kids 5 and underFree

THESE SIGNS OF SUMMER HAVE THEIR PLACE

Many Camarillo residents are unaware that the posting of signs on public property, including light poles, stop signs, trees, street medians or public right-of-way is prohibited by Camarillo Municipal Code 17.04.130. The more common advertisement signs are for garage/moving sales, yard sales, and lost pets.



The good news is the City recognizes the need for advertisement signs and has developed the guidelines listed below to accommodate weekend garage sale and similar signs while maintaining the public way aesthetic.

- 1) Signs may be placed late on Friday afternoon, and **MUST** be removed by 5 p.m. on Sunday of the same weekend or be subject to fines and penalties.
- 2) Signs may not be placed on or attached to traffic control devices such as traffic lights, stop sign poles or directional sign posts.

We kindly advise pet owners hoping to locate their lost pet to use the free or reduced-price advertising available in some local papers and on bulletin boards located at pet supply stores. The advertisements reach more people than signs stapled or taped to a pole, and will help keep Camarillo public way clean and beautiful.

For more information on this or any other code compliance issue, call the City's code compliance office at (805) 383-5660 or e-mail epizano@ci.camarillo.ca.us. The Camarillo Municipal Code can be accessed by logging onto www.ci.camarillo.ca.us. Just click on the code link on the home page.

New on the Web! Application for Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit

It's that time of year when RVs and other oversized vehicles come out of storage from the backyard or public storage in preparation for a vacation on the road, and guests arrive to spend time in our lovely City. While parking such vehicles on City streets in residential or commercial areas is generally prohibited weekdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (excluding holidays), a free, five day renewable permit for temporary street parking (two years for qualified handicapped parking) can be obtained from the Camarillo Police Department. Having one of these permits will help vehicle owners avoid citation and aggravation.



Download a permit application and find all the details on oversized vehicle parking restrictions, exemptions and the permit process on the web at www.ci.camarillo.ca.us (click on "Oversized Parking" in the A to Z directory at the top of the home page). You may also call the Camarillo Police Department at (805) 388-5100 for information.

"FRESHER AIR IS HERE"



If it hasn't already reached your mailbox, a "Fresher Air" guide to the City of Camarillo's new smoking law will arrive soon. This handy brochure explains the City's recent adoption of an ordinance that enacts new rules for smoking in outdoor locations and strengthens existing indoor regulations; it also provides a quick overview of the law's major provisions.

Camarillo's new smoking ordinance will be enforced by the City on a complaint basis. Violations can be reported to (805) 383-5699. Visit www.ci.camarillo.ca.us for full details, as well as a downloadable version of the brochure.

CELEBRATE THE FOURTH—BUT BE SAFE

- * Fireworks are illegal in all areas served by the Ventura County Fire Department, including the City of Camarillo.
- * Never give fireworks (not even sparklers) to children—they are dangerous devices that can cause severe injury and even death.
- * Take the family to a professional fireworks display—there are lots of “oohs” and “ahhs” without any of the “ows” (or much worse!). Camarillo’s family-friendly event at Adolfo Camarillo High School is a great way to celebrate Independence Day.
- * If you should decide to ignore the law—please remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL if your clothes catch on fire.

Ventura County fire and law enforcement personnel, and local citizen patrols, will be on the streets of Camarillo and in county areas during the holiday week, to ensure the safety and enjoyment for the public. For more information on fireworks safety, and regulations, please visit www.fire.countyofventura.org or call (805) 389-9710.

Summertime Programs at the Camarillo Library

MAKE A SPLASH! READ! The Summer Reading Program will continue through August 31. **Storytimes** are presented on Mondays at 10 a.m. through August 9, and Tuesday evenings 7 p.m. throughout the summer. **Crazy Crafts** will be held on Tuesdays in July from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., will feature **Magician Tony Daniel** (July 7), **Jim Gamble Puppets** (July 14), **Reptile Family Critters** (July 21), **Storyteller Jim Cogan** (July 28), **Magician Shawn McMaster** (August 4), and **Musician Dan Crow** (August 11). These programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Camarillo Library and Meadowlark Service League.

PAWS FOR READING, reading aloud to registered therapy dogs, takes place on Mondays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sign-ups are required at the Children’s Desk.

THE TEEN WRITERS' CLUB meets 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays throughout the summer. Meet us in the lobby!

DEBORAH JARCHOW, an award-winning textile weaver, will be featured on Sunday, July 11 at 2 p.m. **FOCUS ON THE MASTERS**, with Donna Granata, will be presented on Sunday, August 8 at 2 p.m. (Sponsored by the Meadowlark Service League and the Friends of the Camarillo Library.)

For additional program information and hours of service, please call (805) 388-5222 or check us out on the web at www.vencolibrary.org. The Camarillo Public Library is located at 4101 Las Posas Road.

Citrus Tree Owners Please Watch for Killer Pest

Residents of Ventura County are asked to be on the lookout for a tiny insect that could wipe out California’s citrus industry—and with it, every lemon, lime, orange, grapefruit and mandarin tree in every urban and suburban yard.

The Asian citrus psyllid (pronounced SIL-lid) looks like a small, brown grain of rice—and it can carry a deadly bacterial disease that is harmless to humans but inevitably fatal to all varieties of citrus. It has been found in San Diego, Imperial, Orange and Los Angeles counties. It is expected to reach Ventura County this year. There is no treatment or cure for the disease carried by the psyllid; it has already destroyed millions of trees in citrus-producing regions around the world, including Florida.



Have you seen this really tiny bug?

The only way to stop this plague is to find and kill the pest at first sighting. If you have citrus trees in your yard, inspect them often: Twisted, stunted new leaves and stems are a sign your tree may be infected. You may also notice tiny nymphs feeding on tender young growth, sticky white secretions or sooty mold clinging to the leaves.

If you think you have spotted this invasive pest in your trees, report it immediately by calling (800) 491-1899. For more information visit www.farmbureauvc.com/pest.html.

Not a Pretty Sight: Cigarette Butt Litter

One impetus for the recent adoption of City regulations limiting smoking in outdoor locations is the growing problem of tobacco-related litter and its unhealthy effects on our environment. During last year's Coastal Cleanup Day event, 394,920 cigarette butts were picked up in California, more than 26,000 of them from Ventura County's waterways.

The cigarette filters left behind can take from 18 months to 12 years to biodegrade. In addition, bits of carcinogenic tobacco remaining in cigarette litter, tar and many other toxic chemicals can cause great damage to the health of children and animals who may ingest them. And, of course, there's the simple fact of how unsightly this trash is in our parks, on our streets and along the coastline. Please be sure to put your cigarette butts where they belong—in the waste receptacles that are meant for them!

Thank you for doing your part to keep our community and its watershed clean. For more information on pollution prevention, please visit www.cleanwatershed.org or call the City of Camarillo at (805) 383-5659.



Non-Native Species of the California Coast.

Prevent the Spread of Graffiti: Report It



Graffiti is not a harmless, artistic activity. It hurts communities both aesthetically and economically, decreasing feelings of safety, lowering property values, draining tax dollars, and sending a message that no one cares. The City of Camarillo has developed a successful, two-pronged approach to preventing the spread of this destructive vandalism: increased police enforcement including restitution paid by taggers for graffiti cleanup and property damage and public assistance in identifying taggers via a confidential phone call.

Residents, businesses and visitors should call (805) 388-5338 to report graffiti as quickly as possible, noting vital information such as a description of the tagger(s) and vehicle information. However, under no circumstances should vandals be directly confronted since they can be very dangerous and possibly armed. Be safe, but observant! The City of Camarillo strives to have all graffiti removed within 48 hours.

SAVE THE DATE!

2010 Coastal Cleanup Day—September 25, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

We hope you'll join thousands of volunteers across the country—including right here in Camarillo—for this annual event to make our landscape and waterways cleaner and healthier for humans, wildlife and sealife. Last year's cleanup removed more than 25,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from 60 miles of Ventura County beaches and inland waterways. In Camarillo, 628 volunteers collected 2,500 pounds of debris from the barranca off Mission Oaks Park and Calleguas Creek.

Data collection from past cleanups indicates that over 60 percent of the trash picked up on this single day likely originated from an inland source—a City, a storm drain, or another non-coastal location—and was washed onto the beach through a creek or river. In 2009, cigarette butts, food wrappers/containers and caps or lids accounted for nearly 62% of the litter collected on Coastal Cleanup Day.

Cleaning inland sites, like those in Camarillo, helps stop trash where it starts, before it hits our coast and ocean. Please put your trash where it belongs—in a trash or recycle can! For more information on Coastal Cleanup Day 2010, call the City's stormwater division at (805) 388-5385 or visit www.vccoastcleanup.org.



To avoid creating excess trash, we encourage this year's Coastal Cleanup volunteers to bring their own bag, bottle, bucket and gloves!

"Las Personas Son La Ciudad"



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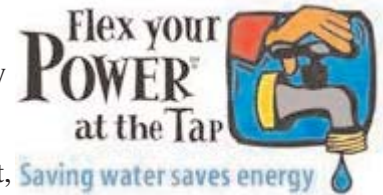
- 3, 17, 24, 31 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
 8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- 4 **FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR**
 4 P.M. TO 10 P.M., ADOLFO CAMARILLO HIGH SCHOOL (FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 9 P.M.)
- 9, 10 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ON-LINE
WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US
- 10 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
 MOORPARK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
 7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
 601 CARMEN DRIVE, 987-7847
- 24 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
 THE LONG RUN
 A TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF THE EAGLES
 7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
 601 CARMEN DRIVE, 987-7847
- 23 **CAMARILLO OLD TOWN CRUISE NIGHT**
 5 P.M. TO 8 P.M., VENTURA BLVD., 443-9219
- 24, 25 **MEADOWLARK SERVICE LEAGUE**
 A TASTE OF CAMARILLO GALA/DINNER
 1 TO 4 P.M., ADOLFO CAMARILLO RANCH HOUSE
 201 CAMARILLO RANCH RD., 388-7158

August 2010

- 7, 14, 21, 28 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**
SPONSORED BY CAMARILLO HOSPICE
 8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, 482-1507
- 7 **WHO'S BAD**
 THE ULTIMATE MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE BAND
 7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
 601 CARMEN DRIVE, 987-7847
- 13, 14 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**
 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, 987-0717 OR ON-LINE
WWW.CI.CAMARILLO.CA.US
- 21 **CONCERT IN THE PARK**
 STEVE TYRELL, THE STANDARDS, JAZZ
 7:30 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
 601 CARMEN DRIVE, 987-7847
- 28 **MOVIE IN THE PARK**
 PLANET 51--2009 ANIMATED
 8 P.M., CONSTITUTION PARK
 601 CARMEN DRIVE, 987-7847
- 27 **CAMARILLO OLD TOWN CRUISE NIGHT**
 5 P.M. TO 8 P.M., VENTURA BLVD., 443-9219

REBATES CAN HELP EASE SOME WATER WOES

Though it may seem illogical, California's water shortage continues despite a heavy rainy season this past year. Because of environmental restrictions and years of persistent drought, regional water supplies from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta can be reduced by hundreds of millions of gallons a day—enough to supply a major Southern California City for a year.



It's crucial that we all continue to observe Camarillo's water conservation regulations to avoid more restrictive and expensive measures in the future. Fortunately, there's some extra help available to save both water and money: rebates on water-efficient clothes washers and rotating sprinkler nozzles. Do laundry with a qualifying washer and save over 11,000 gallons of water per year. The sprinkler nozzles prevent over-watering, encourage healthy plant growth and save more than 1,300 gallons of water per year.

Interested? Go to www.bewaterwise.com or call the toll-free hotline at (888) 376-3314 today!

Police Department Open House

In recognition of National Night Out, the Camarillo Police and the Ventura County Sheriff's Department will host an open house for the public on Saturday, July 24 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Camarillo Police Department is located at 3701 E. Las Posas Road. National Night Out is a program designed to heighten crime and drug awareness, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.



There will be numerous displays of the Camarillo Police Department's resources and other law enforcement related equipment and technology. McGruff, the Crime Fighting Dog, will greet kids and their parents. Representatives of the Camarillo Police Department will conduct guided tours of the facility throughout the afternoon.

Visitors will enjoy demonstrations by a K-9 deputy and dog, mounted patrol, SWAT team members, bomb disposal vehicle and robot, patrol and traffic units, crime scene investigation unit, search and rescue unit, and the Camarillo Police mobile command post.

Games and activities for children will also be available, including "Kid Print" fingerprint ID and a tricycle course with an emphasis on bicycle safety.

"The People Are The City"



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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 Regulation	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
City Hazardous Waste Appts.	987-0717	Police Department (non-emergency)	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/Customer Service:	388-5325	Camarillo Library Website	
Community Development	388-5360	www.vencolibrary.org	
Code Compliance:	383-5660	Social Services Hotline	
Public Works	388-5380	Camarillo Government Channel	
Streets:	388-5338	Channel 10 (Time Warner customers)	
Water:	388-5373	Channel 29 (Verizon FiOS customers)	
Engineering:	388-5340		
Traffic:	388-5340		
Sanitation:	388-5332		

