

# CityScene

A newsletter for the citizens of Camarillo

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## Camarillo Library Dedication / Grand Opening

### March 31, 2007

On December 2, 2002, the City of Camarillo received news that it was among a handful of California cities selected to receive a grant from the State for a new Library. Camarillo's grant was a significant \$15.6 million, which was approximately 65% of the \$24.5 million cost to build the new Library.

On Friday, April 22, 2005, the City broke ground for the new Camarillo Library. A crowd of nearly 200 people gathered to celebrate the start of the massive construction project. On that day, Mayor Kildee hosted the festivities as the City Councilmembers, Ventura County and State officials congratulated the City on its immense undertaking.

On Saturday, March 31, 2007 the entire community is invited to attend and celebrate the Grand Opening and dedication of the new Camarillo Library. The event will feature a ribbon cutting ceremony, special programs, entertainment, refreshments and, most importantly, the Library's first day of service to the community!

This has been a great and very successful endeavor.



Camarillo Library



City Officials and Ventura County Supervisor preparing to break ground in 2005

The Friends of the Camarillo Library and citizens of Camarillo also rallied together, along with private donations, to make this Library a reality. The City of Camarillo has surpassed expectations in its venture to provide an outstanding Library for the community.

Please join with your fellow citizens in this special event. Dedication ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m., Saturday March 31, 2007. The new Camarillo Library is located at 4101 Las Posas Road. For additional information, please call the City Manager's Office at (805) 388-5307 or log-on to [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us).

# Ultra-Low Flush Toilet Drop Ship Program to Begin March 1, 2007

The City of Camarillo Water Division, in cooperation with Calleguas Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, is pleased to announce its fifth Ultra-Low Flush Toilet (ULFT) Direct Distribution Program, scheduled to begin on March 1, 2007. ULFTs are a great way to conserve water because they use 1.6 gallons of water per flush compared to older toilets that use from 3.5 to 5 gallons per flush.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If you live in a single family dwelling, multiple family dwelling or mobile home, and pay your water bill to the City of Camarillo, you may be eligible to receive up to two ULFTs free of charge. If you have received only one ULFT in any of the City's previous programs, you may still be eligible to receive one additional ULFT!

Toilets being replaced must use 3.5 gallons or more per flush and must have existing floor bolts at least 10" from the wall behind the toilet to ensure proper fit. You will be provided with everything you need for installation.

## DELIVERY

For your convenience, your new ULFT(s) will be shipped directly to your front door by Fed Ex, unlike our previous distribution programs where the participants had to pick them up at a designated City facility. Delivery of the new ULFT's can be expected within three weeks from the date that an eligible coupon is received by city staff.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Complete the form below and mail it to: City of Camarillo, ULFT Program, P.O. Box 248, Camarillo, CA 93011-0248.
- All coupons received will be reviewed for eligibility.
- Applicants declared ineligible will be notified by mail.
- Only 300 ULFTs will be distributed through this year's program so mail your coupon today.

Customers may be randomly selected for a site visit to verify installation. Those who do not install their new toilets will be charged \$110 per toilet on their water bill. Customers who decide to return their new toilet(s) will be responsible for all shipping arrangements and costs. Proof of return will be required if a site visit is conducted.

Each customer is responsible for disposal of the old toilet(s). E.J. Harrison and Sons provides one bulky item pick up free of charge – not more than two times in a 12-month period. To schedule a single bulky item pick up, please call 647-1414.

For more information, please contact the City of Camarillo Water Division at (805) 388-5373.

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**To Participate Mail This Form to:**  
**ULFT Direct Distribution Program, Phase V**  
**c/o Camarillo City Hall (Water Division)**  
**P.O. Box 248**  
**Camarillo, CA 93011-0248**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of toilets requested \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Account # \_\_\_\_\_ (on upper left corner of water bill)

## Spring Cleaning Guide

Time to clean out your garage and attic, but what should you do with that dingy old chair or mattress and the other clutter gathered during your cleaning spree? Here are some suggestions on several recycling and disposal programs available to residents.

### Bulky Items—Call 647-1414

City of Camarillo refuse customers (those who receive a refuse bill directly from the City) can have two bulky items picked up in a 12-month period *without an additional charge*. Accepted items include mattresses, appliances, water heaters, furniture, etc., and tree stumps that weigh less than 50 pounds.

For non-City of Camarillo refuse customers, E.J. Harrison & Sons, the City's franchised refuse hauler, will charge \$25 per bulky item, plus handling fees for special handling such as freon removal, Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) recycling and other hard-to-handle items.

### Refuse Bin Rental—Call 647-1414

Three-cubic-yard refuse bins and large roll-off containers may be rented for big clean-up projects. E.J. Harrison & Sons will bill customers directly for these services. Please contact the Public Works Department at (805) 388-5340 before bins and roll-offs are placed in the street or while your construction permit is in effect for the property.

### Household Hazardous Waste Program— Call 987-0717,

or to schedule appointment online log-on to:

[www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/live/household\\_hazard\\_appt.html](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/live/household_hazard_appt.html)

**Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW)** like paint, solvents, pesticides, pool chemicals, and household cleaners must **NOT** be discarded in refuse or recycling barrels. The City's HHW drop-off center is open the second consecutive Friday and Saturday of each month by appointment. Used motor oil and oil filters may be recycled at the drop-off location or at State-certified recycling centers. For a complete list of State-certified centers, please visit the City's recycling web page at [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/live/recycling.html](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/live/recycling.html) or call **1-800-CLEANUP** for locations of the nearest centers.



## U-Waste Program

### Universal Waste Program (U-Waste)—Call 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. These wastes **must NOT be discarded in your refuse or recycling barrels**. Please contact the City's HHW drop-off center for an appointment.

## The Friends of the Camarillo Library Grand Opening March 31, 2007

The Friends of the Camarillo Library have moved to the new Library site and will officially open with the new Library on March 31, 2007. The Friends Library bookstore will be located in the new Library at 4101 Las Posas Road. The hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Friends of the Camarillo Library is a nonprofit support group that helps the Library by raising funds for books and materials.

For additional information, please call the City Manager's Office at (805) 388-5307.

## 2007 Refuse and Recycling Schedule Now Online

The City of Camarillo has made the 2007 refuse collection and recycling schedules available on the City's website. To find the collection day for your street in Camarillo, please log on to [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/live/recycling.html](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/live/recycling.html), and go to the 2007 Recycling Pickup Schedule at the bottom of the page.

This information is also available by contacting the Customer Service Department at (805) 388-5325.

If you have any questions about refuse collection and recycling, please call the City's Recycling Coordinator at (805) 388-5392.





## March 2007

- March 3, 10, 17 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**  
24, 31 8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, (805) 482-1507
- March 5 **MEADOWLARK SERVICE LEAGUE  
CHARITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT AND LUNCHEON**  
LAS POSAS COUNTRY CLUB, CONTACT GWEN SPEAKERS  
(805) 445-8227
- March 9, 10 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, (805) 987-0717
- March 13 **SENIOR LAW ISSUES: OVERVIEW OF GREY LAW  
SERVICES (GOVERNMENT BENEFITS SUCH AS  
MEDICARE, MEDICAL, SSI, LONG TERM CARE AND  
CONSUMER ISSUES, AND POWER OF ATTORNEY)**  
10:35 A.M., CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER. FOR  
TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS, PLEASE CALL (805) 988-4228
- March 31 **CAMARILLO LIBRARY DEDICATION / GRAND OPENING**  
10:30 A.M., 4101 LAS POSAS ROAD, (805) 388-5307

## April 2007

- April 1 **CAMARILLO LIBRARY**  
10 A.M. TO 5 P.M., 4101 LAS POSAS ROAD
- April 5 **CAMARILLO WOMEN'S CLUB**  
FASHION SHOW, ENTERTAINMENT, 11:00 A.M.,  
STERLING HILLS GOLF CLUB RSVP, (805) 488-3478
- April 7, 14,  
21, 28 **CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET**  
8 A.M.-NOON, OLD TOWN CAMARILLO, (805) 482-1507
- April 13, 14 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF**  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, (805) 987-0717
- April 22 **EARTH DAY!**
- May 5, 2007 **CAMARILLO KIWANIS**  
29TH ANNUAL 5K/10K RACE, REGISTRATIONS START AT  
6:30 A.M., EVENTS BEGIN AT 7 A.M.,  
CAMARILLO COMMUNITY CENTER, (805) 389-0347

## Public Meetings

- March 14, 28 **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
April 11, 25 5 P.M., CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, CA 93010
- March 6, 20 **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**  
April 3, 17 7:30 P.M., CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
601 CARMEN DRIVE, CAMARILLO, CA 93010

## Bike Safety Tips

In the past two months there have been four traffic accidents involving bicyclists near Monte Vista School in Camarillo. Most of these accidents were the fault of the cyclists.

Camarillo Police Department would like to remind everyone of some of the following bike safety tips:



- 1. Wear a helmet!** It's the law. You could be fined up to \$120 for not wearing a helmet. Studies show that 74- 85% of bicycle related injuries could be prevented with the proper use of a helmet. Proper use means buying a good helmet, making sure it fits, and making sure to buckle the chin strap, fitting securely under the chin.
- 2. Don't ride in high traffic areas.** Kids under 10 should not be riding without an adult nearby.
- 3. Make sure the bike fits the rider.** To make sure your bike fits, sit on the bike and try to balance the bike with your toes. If you can't reach the ground, it may be as simple as adjusting the seat height.
- 4. Obey traffic rules and use hand signals.** A bike is considered a "vehicle" and it must follow the same rules of the road as a car. This means you must stop at stop signs and be sure to walk your bike across the street.
- 5. Watch for road hazards** such as: potholes, people, animals, or any object in your path.
- 6. Wear reflective clothing.** If you are riding at night or even at dusk, make yourself visible. You are also required to have a working headlight if you are biking at night (you can tape a flash light to your handle bars).
- 7. Ride on the right side of the road,** with the flow of traffic.
- 8. Look left, right, and left again when entering traffic.**
- 9. Ride in single file.** Riding in a group is always safer, but remember to ride in single file.
- 10. Never listen to headphones while riding a bike.** Safe cyclists rely on their ears to bring sounds of approaching vehicles, animals, and people!

## Volunteer Positions on Commissions, Boards & Committees

Have you ever considered participating in the decision-making process for some of the City's projects? Involvement in setting the direction of the community can be rewarding, and you can meet and network with other people. The City has openings on the committees listed below. These committees meet either monthly or as needed. Some positions require the applicant to complete and file a Statement of Economic Interest form. Please visit [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov) for information regarding the form.

- \*Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board – two positions
- \*Area Housing Authority of Ventura County – one position
- \*Air Pollution Control District Advisory Committee – one position
- \*Ventura County Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee – one position

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8a.m. and 5 p.m., and online at [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us). Applications, along with a current resume, must be submitted to the City Clerk's Department no later than April 20, 2007. If you would like additional information regarding the committees listed above, visit [www.ci.camarillo.ca.us](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us) or contact the City Clerk's Office at (805) 388-5353 or via email at [cityclerk@ci.camarillo.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.camarillo.ca.us).



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## ECRWSS Residential Customer

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to obtain the information in this newsletter, please contact City Hall at 388-5392.

## Telephone Directory

<b>City Manager</b>	<b>388-5307</b>
Cable TV Cust. Service	
Time Warner:	888-892-2253
Verizon:	888-553-1555
City Cable TV Representative:	388-5349
Economic Development:	388-5349
Refuse Collection (E.J. Harrison):	647-1414
Recycling & Hazardous Waste:	388-5392
City Hazardous Waste Appts.	987-0717
<b>City Clerk</b>	<b>388-5316</b>
<b>Finance</b>	<b>388-5320</b>
Accounts Payable:	388-5352
Business Licenses:	388-5330
Utility Billing Services:	388-5325
<b>Community Development</b>	<b>388-5360</b>
Code Enforcement:	383-5660
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>388-5380</b>
Streets:	388-5338
Water:	388-5373
Engineering:	388-5340
Traffic:	388-5340
<b>Waste Water</b>	<b>388-5332</b>
<b>Building &amp; Safety</b>	<b>388-5395</b>

<b>Abandoned Vehicles</b>	<b>388-5150</b>
<b>Airport Noise Complaints</b>	<b>388-4202</b>
<b>Animal Regulation</b>	<b>388-4341</b>
<b>Camarillo Area Transit (<i>Dial-a-Ride</i>)</b>	<b>988-4228</b>
<b>Graffiti Reports</b>	<b>388-5338</b>
<b>Fire Department (<i>non-emergency</i>)</b>	<b>389-9710</b>
<b>Police Department (<i>non-emergency</i>)</b>	<b>388-5100</b>

**City website**

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**Household Hazardous Waste Appointments Request**

[www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/live/household\\_hazard\\_appt.html](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/live/household_hazard_appt.html)

**City Email Address**

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**Email Next Chapter**

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**City Recycling Program**

[www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/live/recycling.html](http://www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/live/recycling.html)



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