

CARLSBAD *Currents*



Play time

The new 32-acre Alga Norte Community Park is now open! Come enjoy a brand new playground, dog park, skate park, ball fields and a state of the art aquatic center, right in the heart of Carlsbad.



Fun things to do

Cinema Series featuring "Postcards from Italy"

March 29, 2 - 4 p.m., Free
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium,
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)
760-602-2012

Take an insider's look at Italy with guest filmmaker Steve McCurdy, as he presents his documentary sharing an intimate collection of stories about the people and places of Italy.

John Cederquist: Illusions in Wood

March 30 - May 25, Free
William D. Cannon Art Gallery at
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane),
760-602-2021

Named among the Top 100 Craftsmen in America, this San Juan Capistrano sculptor's playful work blends images from Japanese prints to popular cartoons with three-dimensional forms.



Bike to Work Day

May 16, 6 - 9 a.m.
Sea wall at Frazee Beach,
760-602-7519

Join the City of Carlsbad in celebrating Bike to Work Day! Bikers who stop at the official City of Carlsbad pit stop station on Carlsbad Boulevard at Pine Avenue, will be rewarded with snacks, drinks and other goodies.

EGGstravaganza Spring Festival

April 19, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Poinsettia Community Park,
760-602-7519

Celebrate the spring with Carlsbad's version of an egg hunt, the "Egg Scramble." Participants will also enjoy interactive summer camps demonstrations, crafts, a fun zone, cookie decorating, a family scavenger hunt, face painting and a chance to soak the bunny. A \$5 activity card is available for purchase at our community centers or at the event.

Wild West Fest

May 17, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park,
760-602-7519

Leo Carrillo Ranch is the perfect backdrop for this festive step back in time. This Wild West event brings cowboys to Carlsbad with western music, cowboy crafts, pony rides and more. There is also a salsa contest where you can either compete or taste. A \$6 activity card is available for purchase at the event.



For a complete, searchable calendar of events, visit www.carlsbadca.gov.

Carlsbad gets North County's first coastal roundabout

The City of Carlsbad has begun construction of a new traffic roundabout at the intersection of Carlsbad Boulevard and State Street, making it the first roundabout on the historic coastal highway in North San Diego County. The roundabout will make it safer for travelers to go through the intersection, whether they're in cars, on bicycles or on foot. Scheduled for completion this spring, it will feature artwork welcoming people as they cross Buena Vista Lagoon and enter Carlsbad from Oceanside.

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Lake Calavera trail improvements

The Lake Calavera Boardwalk Trails and Wetland Restoration Project is underway. Current user-constructed creek crossing bridges made from driftwood debris and salvaged construction materials will be replaced by the new boardwalks, which will be similar to the one at the San Dieguito preserve. This project will improve the safety, environmental protection and aesthetics of these well-used trails.

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During boardwalk construction, the creek crossing and some trails in the wetlands on the east side of the preserve will be closed. Affected trails will have clear signs with detours for hikers. The project is expected to be completed in March, prior to bird nesting season.

Winter tips for keeping *oceans and lagoons clean*

Rain is more likely during the winter, so be sure to do your part and keep pollutants out of storm water runoff. Storm drains are not connected to the sewer system, meaning rain water and urban runoff can transport pollutants directly into our creeks, lagoons and oceans. Here are some simple ways you can help keep pollutants out of our storm drains:

- Avoid applying fertilizers three to five days before any forecasted rain, and always follow manufacturer's directions.
- Adjust irrigation systems for rain and cooler weather.
- Store materials such as paint or fertilizer in a covered area.
- Be sure to clean up after pets.

For more information or to report a storm water problem, please call the storm water hotline at 760-602-2799 or visit www.carlsbadca.gov.



“Flushable” wipes and other things you should **not** flush

Carlsbad has joined many other cities and wastewater agencies nationwide in asking its residents not to flush so-called “flushable” wipes or anything else except toilet paper.

“They may be called flushable, but they can do severe damage to our sewer system and clog up household pipes,” said City of Carlsbad Wastewater Superintendent Don Wasko. “These cloth wipes don’t break down in the sewer system the same way that toilet paper does.”

Other popular items, such as household cleaning wipes, baby wipes, hand wipes, paper towels, facial tissues, sanitary tissues and dental floss, also cause problems for the sewer system and should not be flushed.

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Survey says ...

Results of the City of Carlsbad's annual resident satisfaction survey are in, showing high levels of satisfaction once again



96% Quality of life is good or excellent

94% Satisfied with city services

Read the full report at www.carlsbadca.gov

