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Improving Our Coastline

Under a new agreement with California State Parks, which manages beaches in Carlsbad, the City of Carlsbad is working to spruce up our coastline, including upgrading restrooms, improving walking paths, installing new picnic benches and beautifying landscaping – all designed to make visiting our gorgeous coastline an even more enjoyable experience.

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Fun Things to Do

Landsailors: Neal Bociek

August 2014 – January 2015, Free
Carlsbad Sculpture Garden
2955 Elmwood St.
760-434-2920

These steel sculptures reference air, land and sea transportation, and take their inspiration from San Diego County's beach environment.

California Coastal Cleanup

Sept. 20, 9 a.m. – noon, Free
Location to be announced,
760-602-2799

The event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by the Ocean Conservancy, and is the largest volunteer event on the planet. Bring work gloves and a reusable bucket.

Family Movie Night

Sept. 13, 5 p.m., Free
Stagecoach Community Park
760-434-2843

Bring a chair and a picnic and enjoy an outdoor movie experience on a 20' blow up screen in the park. This year's event, sponsored by Carlsbad Children's Dentistry, will feature The LEGO Movie. There will be two hours of games, crafts and activities setup prior to the start of the movie. \$6 wrist bands get you unlimited access to games and bounce houses.



ArtSplash 2014: Hats Off to Artists

Sept. 27, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sept. 28, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Free
Armada Drive between Cannon and Palomar Airport Road
www.carlsbadartsplash.org



This free, family-oriented festival is a community celebration for arts education featuring magnificent chalk art street paintings, dozens of talented artists creating, showcasing and selling art, live music, meandering performers, Taste@ArtSplash, a car show, cheese-carving and more; all

overlooking the spectacular Pacific Ocean. Proceeds benefit arts and music programs in local schools.

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

Super Hero Obstacle Race

Oct. 4, 8 a.m. – noon
\$30 per person, must be 5 years and older to participate
Alga Norte Community Park
760-434-2842

Dress up like your favorite super hero, and come out to the park for this family obstacle run. Defeat villains while leaping over tall buildings, crawling through toxic tunnels and navigating 20 obstacles throughout the park. Participants receive a cape and finishing medal.



Halloween Plunge

Oct. 18, 5 – 9 p.m.
\$8 per person, kids under 3 free with a paid adult
Alga Norte Aquatic Center
760-268-4777

Enjoy two hours of fun, Halloween themed pool activities including a floating pumpkin patch where every child will leave with a pumpkin. Finish the night off with a special presentation of the movie Hotel Transylvania.



Defining a Vision for *Carlsbad's Historic Neighborhoods*

The City of Carlsbad is kicking off a master planning process that will define a vision and establish development standards for the Barrio and Village areas. These two historic Carlsbad neighborhoods, located on the coast between the Buena Vista Lagoon and Tamarack

The master planning process will include online public input opportunities starting in August and public workshops beginning in September.

Avenue, blend together along Oak Avenue. Between them they account for about two dozen locally recognized historic buildings, such as Magee House, Frazier's Well and Alt Carlsbad, the original Twin Inns, the Barrio Museum, Ramirez House

and Mission Santiago. The master planning process will include online public input opportunities starting in August and public workshops beginning in September.

For dates, locations and other information, visit the city website and search for "Village and Barrio Master Plan" or contact Scott Donnell, senior planner, 760- 602-4618 or scott.donnell@carlsbadca.gov.



WATCH

State of the City

Find out about the latest city projects and initiatives by attending a free showing of the 2014 State of the City video **Monday, Aug. 25, 6 to 7 p.m.**, at the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library complex on Dove Lane. Or, watch the video on the City of Carlsbad YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/cityofcarlsbadca.



New Program Helps Homeowners Finance Water, Energy Projects

The City of Carlsbad is helping residents and businesses install environmentally sustainable energy and water projects by participating in programs that offer financing options. The programs, known as PACE, for "Property Assessed Clean Energy," help property owners finance projects that can save water, energy and money while improving their property values at little or no upfront cost, because the projects are paid through the property tax bill.



Eligible projects include artificial turf, weather based irrigation, insulation, solar panels and more.

For more information, visit www.heroprogram.com/carlsbad, www.figtreefinancing.com or <https://californiafirst.org/>.

More Water Conservation *Needed*



After three straight dry winters, California's water supplies are stretched thin. Thanks to long-term investments in water supplies, such as the Carlsbad Desalination Project, and a regional commitment to water conservation, San Diego County is in better shape than many parts of the state. But it's still important that we do our part to save water so we can keep more supplies in storage in case dry conditions continue. Please visit www.carlsbadca.gov/water.

How You Can Help

- Irrigate landscape before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. **20-25 gallons/day**
- Adjust sprinkler heads and timers to prevent overspray and runoff. **15-25 gallons/day**
- Repair all water leaks within five days of being discovered. **10 gallons/minute/leak**
- Stop washing down paved surfaces. **20-25 gallons/day**
- Repair leaking hose bibs. **15-20 gallons/day/leak**
- Replace older, high-volume flushing toilets. **2.2-3.8 gallons/flush**
- Install aerators with flow restrictors on kitchen/bathroom faucets. **4.7 gallons/day**

Sign up for free water use evaluations and check for available rebates visit www.watersmartsd.org.

When Nature Is Your Neighbor **Protecting Your Home**

The City of Carlsbad is proud to have many beautiful open space areas interspersed among our neighborhoods. But living near these natural open space areas is not without risks, as we all saw during May's Poinsettia Fire.

- Keep your landscaping watered and healthy. Remove dried and dead flammable plants at least 6 feet from around your home.
- Trim trees back away from the eave line so they don't overlap with the roof of the house.
- Remove any flammable storage, like propane tanks and wood piles, near your home.
- Ensure all attic venting and chimneys have 1/8 inch metal screens.
- Consider using rock mulch in areas where you want to prevent plants from growing, such as under decks or close to flammable materials. Wood chip mulch could catch on fire.
- Regularly clear leaves and debris from your roof, gutters, decks and yard. An ember landing on these dried materials can easily fuel a fire.
- Close windows and doors before evacuating, if time permits.



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Pick up a new, free guide, available at any city building, with more tips for protecting your home during a wildfire or visit the city's website at www.carlsbadca.gov/fire.