

# Carlsbad *Currents*

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## So Many Trails, So Little Time

With cooler temperatures ahead, it's the perfect time to explore the City of Carlsbad's 50-plus mile trail system. Get trail maps on the city's website or at any city facility and set out for your off road adventure, be it a scenic stroll with an ocean view, a challenging hike up rough terrain or exploring nature on your mountain bike.



# Don't Flush "Flushable" Wipes

Unless you want to celebrate the holidays by getting to know your local plumber, city wastewater officials are urging residents not to flush so called

**Wipes do not break down as quickly as toilet paper and can easily get clogged in pipes.**

"flushable wipes." Why? Wipes do not break down as quickly as toilet paper and can easily get clogged in pipes, causing backups and costly repairs, not to mention a smelly, inconvenient mess.



Toilet Paper



"Flushable" Wipes



## Local Traffic Map Now Live



With new 'smart' technology being tested on traffic signals, the City of Carlsbad now has the ability to transmit local traffic data right to your computer or cell phone.\*

- Similar to the Caltrans app that shows areas of slowing on the freeway, the city's traffic map shows how traffic is flowing through its major roadways, color coded based on typical travel times for each route.
- This will not only help you plan a stress free trip across town, but will reduce air pollution caused by idling in traffic.
- Over the coming year, the city will be rolling out additional traffic monitoring corridors, as well as "adaptive" signalized corridors in several locations. The adaptive signals communicate with each other and have the ability to adjust red light wait times based on traffic data at the time.

<http://traffic.carlsbadca.gov>

\*Safety first. Please don't use your phone while driving.



# Fun Things to Do

## Cabinet of Curiosities Exhibition

Nov. 6 – Jan. 8, Free  
 Cannon Art Gallery  
 Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)  
 760-602-2021

Cabinets of curiosities arose in mid-sixteenth Europe as repositories for all manner of wondrous and exotic objects. This exhibition presents the works of two artists, Deborah Davidson and Christopher Polentz, who have felt the pull of the unusual and the extraordinary.

## Foreign Film Fridays

7 p.m., Free  
 Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium  
 Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)  
 760-602-2090

Join other movie lovers for this film series celebrating the best of foreign films.

Dec. 2, *The Twilight Samurai* (Japan, NR)  
 Dec. 16, *Joyeux Noel* (France, PG-13)



## Holiday at the Rancho

Dec. 3, 5 – 8 p.m.  
 \$8 per person, kids 3 and younger free  
 Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park  
 760-434-2843

Leo Carrillo Ranch is the perfect setting for a classic holiday event with a tree lighting, cookie decorating and train rides. Games, crafts, an outdoor movie, *Polar Express*, and a special visit by Santa are also included.



## Trail Volunteer Events

Dec. 10, Jan. 21, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., Free

Help clean up and maintain the city's many beautiful trails while meeting new friends and enjoying nature. See the city website for locations, directions and parking information at [www.carlsbadca.gov/trails](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/trails).



## Year of Mindfulness: A Mindful Way Through Holiday Stress

Dec. 8, 6 – 8 p.m., Free  
 Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium  
 Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)  
 760-434-2933

Holidays can cause stress and anxiety. How does this affect our bodies and mind? This workshop will introduce the science behind stress responses in humans, as well as mindfulness exercises that can help lower the stress response.

## Family Open Studios Plus

Jan. 7, 2017, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Free  
 Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium  
 Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)  
 760-602-2090

Families love this all-ages art-making event. Tour the art gallery and then create art with the help of professional art educators and talented volunteers. Enjoy a performing art performance as part of the experience.



For more events, visit [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov).

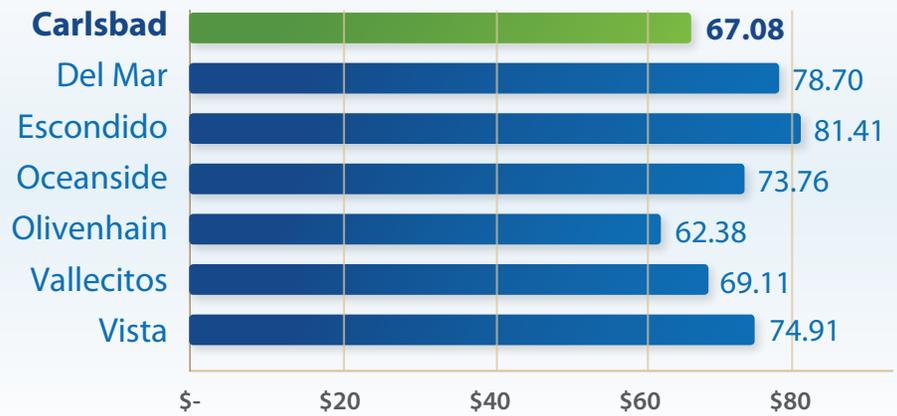
# About Your Water Rates



Unless a majority of customers submits a protest letter by Nov. 29, water rates will increase by about \$5 a month for the average Carlsbad Municipal Water District household, starting Jan. 1, 2017. Here's why:

- **About two-thirds** of the increase is due to the rising cost of water imported from Northern California and the Colorado River, which is about 80 percent of our total drinking water supply.
- **Thanks to recent conservation efforts**, customers are purchasing less water. This means the cost per customer to provide water needs to go up so the water district can continue to operate and maintain the water delivery system. The good news for those who have conserved is that they are more likely to stay in the lowest tier of rates.
- **The Water Desalination Project** is now online and delivering water. This water is more expensive than the cost of imported water today, but in the future will actually be less.
- **The cost to maintain the water system** makes up a small part of the increase. The district invests in routine maintenance and new technologies to help ensure the system is as efficient and reliable as possible. This ends up saving money in the long run.

## Water Rate Comparison



# Shop Local this *Holiday Season*

In Carlsbad, there are many shopping choices just around the corner, from national brands to one-of-a-kind boutiques and much more. Need more reasons?

- Drive less and make fewer trips to the gas pump and less air pollution.
- Save time by taking care of your errands close to home.
- Support local businesses and a strong local economy.

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