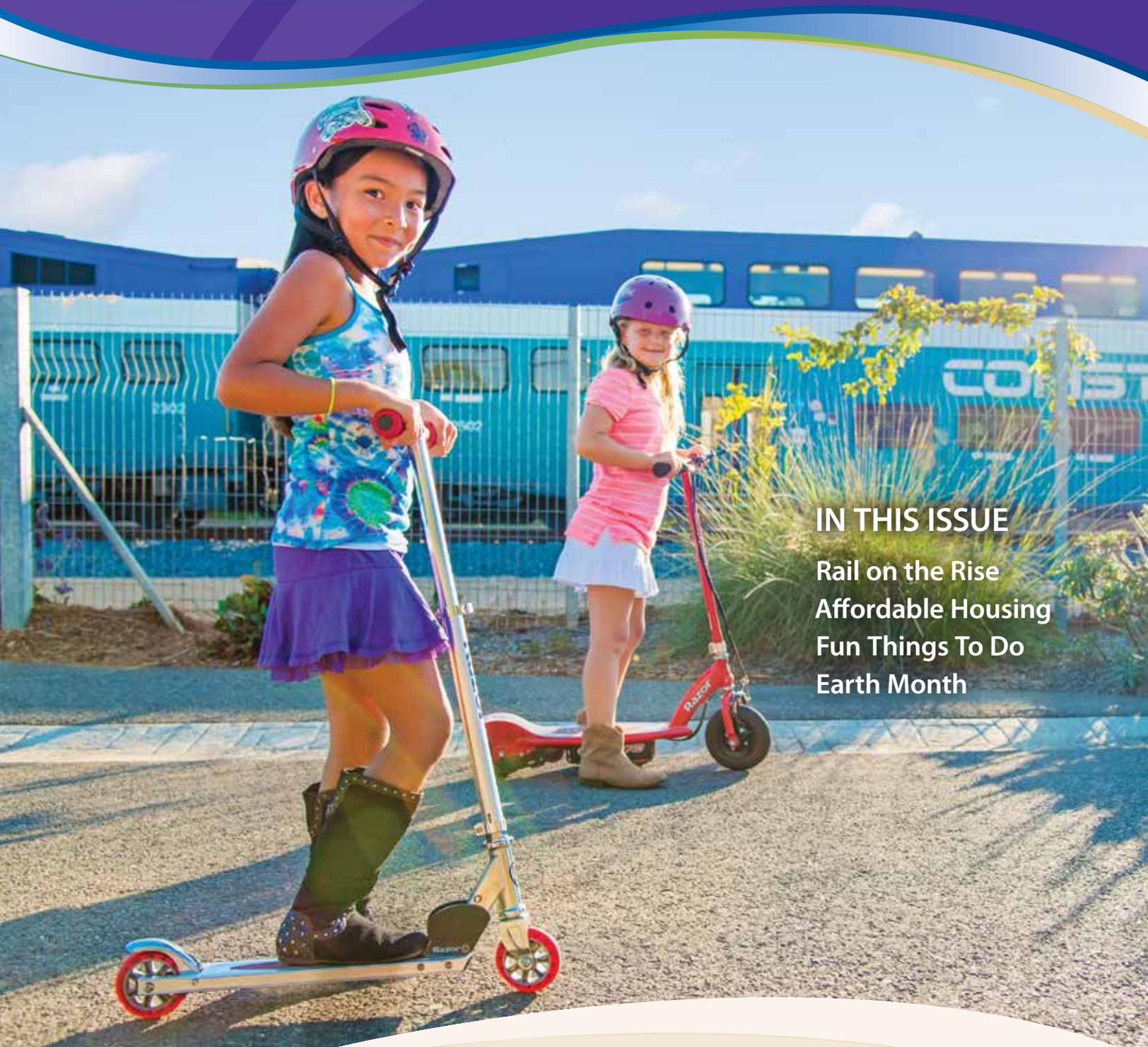


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Coastal Rail Trail

Longer days mean more time to get out and enjoy Carlsbad's 50 miles of trails. The Coastal Rail Trail between Tamarack and Carlsbad Village Drive features flat, wide pavement and path lighting, while others provide more natural terrain and elevations to get your heart pumping. Pick up trail maps at any city building or visit www.carlsbadca.gov/trails.



Rail's Second Wave

Thanks to changes in technology, environmental concerns and new ways of thinking about how to get around, rail is on the rise, moving more goods and people than ever before.

A multibillion dollar project is underway to double the amount of train tracks between San Diego and San Luis Obispo. To keep the increase in train traffic from disrupting northern Carlsbad neighborhoods, including the Village, transportation officials from the railroad, regional government and the city are studying the viability of lowering the train tracks between the Agua Hedionda and Buena Vista lagoons. So far, studies show lowering the tracks is feasible from a technical

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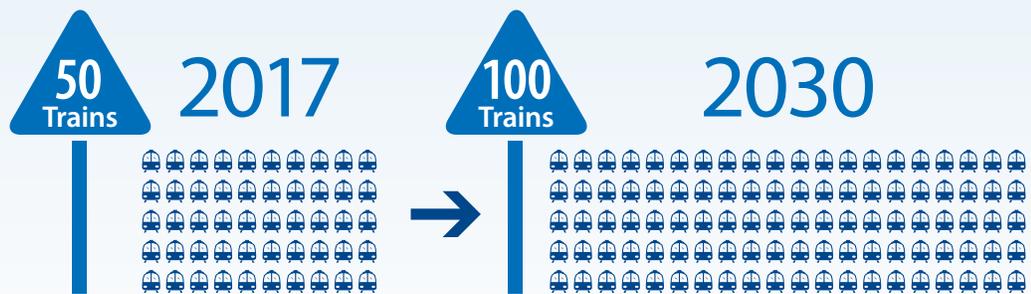
standpoint and would significantly increase safety. An economic study found that the disruption from increased train traffic would harm local businesses if the double track is built at street level. The next step is to identify the environmental effects of both options and see how they compare. That analysis is expected to take about a year.

Read the **studies done to date** and get other details about double tracking at www.carlsbadca.gov, search "rail."

Going "Underground"



More Trains Coming

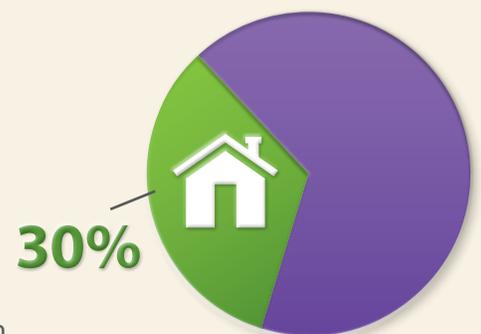


The number of trains traveling through Carlsbad is expected to double by 2030.

Ask the City

What Is "Affordable Housing?"

The state requires cities to show how they will meet future housing needs, including a variety of housing types, densities and options for low income residents and those with special needs. Since "affordable" is not a word often associated with coastal real estate, since 1993 the City of Carlsbad has required developers to set aside a certain amount of each project to meet affordability standards established by the state. Generally speaking, the state considers housing affordable if housing costs make up no more than a third of a household's total income. The city also administers a federal program to provide rental assistance to about 600 very low income households in Carlsbad.



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Fun Things to Do

Infinite Light: A Photographic Meditation on Tibet

March 19 – May 21, Free
Cannon Art Gallery
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)
760-602-2021

Photographer Marissa Roth's exhibition *Infinite Light* features 72 color photographs of her impressions of Tibet. The photographs were shot with some of the last Kodachrome film, producing deep saturated color.

EGGStravaganza Spring Festival

April 15, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Free
Poinsettia Community Park
760-434-2843



Carlsbad's largest egg hunt features the "egg scramble" activity where kids race to collect candy-filled eggs as well as several other fun activities. Activity cards and wristbands are available for purchase at the event for \$6.



Family Open Studios

April 22, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Free
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. Take home your completed art project.



Pirate Plunge

April 29, 5 – 9 p.m., \$10
Alga Norte Aquatic Center
760-268-4777

Enjoy pirate-themed pool activities and entertainment. End the night with a special movie presentation on the giant outdoor movie screen.

Trail Volunteer Events

April 29, May 13, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., Free
760-434-2838

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.

Wild West Fest

May 20, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Free
Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park
760-434-2843

It's just like the ole Wild West with western music, petting farm, pony rides, games and activities and a salsa tasting contest. Some activities require an activity card or wristband that can be purchased at the event.



This Is Jazz!

April 8, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Free
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)
760-602-2090



The Cultural Arts Office's popular four-part lecture/performance series highlights jazz, with live demonstrations by musical guests and lively discussions between artists and audience. Audiences will listen to jazz, learn about jazz and talk about jazz with savvy specialists and our region's top talents.

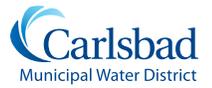
For more events, visit www.carlsbadca.gov.

Drought Watch: Is it Over?

Thanks to heavy rain this winter (um, El Niño, you're late!), California's drought emergency has eased, but don't start spreading grass seeds just yet. In fact, due to our desert climate, water officials urge residents to continue to make conservation a way of life.

"When you live in Southern California, conserving water is just the right thing to do," said Carlsbad Municipal Water District General Manager Wendy Chambers. "Our region has invested billions to ensure we have a reliable water supply, and that's because water will continue to be a precious commodity, drought or no drought."

Watering Rules



6 p.m. to 10 a.m. ONLY

Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun

EVEN Addresses



ODD Addresses



Apartments, Condos and Businesses



Water no longer than 10 minutes per station.
Tip: Split this time to 5 minutes in the morning and 5 in the evening to avoid runoff.



Thanks Carlsbad!

Carlsbad residents have replaced thirsty lawns with beautiful water wise landscaping and taken other steps to permanently reduce their water use. Keep up the good work!

3 Day a Week Watering Schedule

This spring, be sure you set your sprinklers according to whether your street address ends in an odd or even number. Watering before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. will help reduce the chance of irrigation water getting lost to evaporation.



Celebrate Earth Month

April is Earth Month, and Carlsbad is celebrating with events and programs to help you reduce, reuse, recycle and more.

Donate, Don't Waste Bulky Item Drop-Off

April 1, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event

April 8, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Tax Day Document Shredding Event

April 15, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Composting and Gardening Workshop

April 22, 10 a.m. – noon

Creek to Bay Cleanup

April 22, 9 a.m. – noon

Arbor Day

April 29, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Walk + Bike Carlsbad Community Bike Ride

April 29



For event locations and sign up information, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/trash.