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Happy New Year

With the holidays behind us, it's time to focus on the year ahead. What's on your list of New Year's resolutions? Finally trying yoga? Reading more books? Finding time to relax? However you want to spend 2018, the City of Carlsbad is no doubt the perfect place to make the most of it.

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What's *Your* New Year's Resolution?

Let the City of Carlsbad help make your New Year's resolutions a reality (or maybe give you a few ideas?).



Master Mindfulness

Learn the power of mindfulness at a free series on Thursday evenings at Carlsbad City Library.



Start a New Fitness Routine

Sign up for deep water boot camp, a zero impact, high calorie burning workout at Alga Norte Aquatic Center. Then stretch your tired muscles with a yoga class at your local community center.



Become a Birder

Take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count at Leo Carrillo Ranch while learning about local bird species. The final count will be provided to the Audubon Society.



Draw Out Your Inner Artist

From watercolor to acrylics, photography and dance, nurture your creative side by developing your own artistic talents.



Ask the City

What's going on with the **power plant**?

You may have noticed the new power plant being built just west of I-5 on the site of the 65-year-old Encina Power Station. According to NRG, the company building the new plant, construction is progressing on schedule, and the new plant is scheduled to start operations by the end of 2018. NRG also owns and operates the Encina power plant,

According to NRG, **the new power plant** should be operational by the **end of 2018** and the existing Encina Power Station demolished in 2020-2021.

which it plans to decommission in 2019 after the new plant is operational and demolish in 2020 to 2021, as part of an agreement with the City of Carlsbad. That agreement also calls for NRG to work with the city and the community to develop a plan for the future use of the old power plant site. Under the city's recently updated General Plan, the power plant property has been designated for a combination of commercial uses and open space.

For more information on these and other classes and events, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/library and www.carlsbadconnect.org.

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NEW YEAR
2018

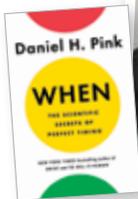


Fun Things to Do

Carlsbad Reads Together

Author Talk with Daniel H. Pink
Feb. 11, 2 p.m., Free

Carlsbad Reads Together is a month long celebration bringing community members together and engaging them in discussion about the same selection of books, at the same time with a variety of events. This year's author, Daniel H. Pink's works center around self-improvement. Carlsbad Reads Together 2018 will focus on four of Pink's titles: *When*, *To Sell is Human*, *Drive* and *A Whole New Mind*.



Epic Tween Nights: Party at the Park

Feb. 17, 5 – 9 p.m.
\$10 per person; kids 10 to 15 years
Calavera Hills Community Center
760-434-2843

Dancing, video games, giant inflatables, Zorb balls and dodgeball, it's the perfect night to party. Drop off your tween for an exciting night complete with competitions and a photo booth. Valid student ID may be required at check in.



Starring Artists: Traversing the Americas with Violin and Guitar

Branden Muresan and Eric Foster
March 10, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Free
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)
760-602-2090

Come on a journey through the mind of a performing artist. Participants will gain insight into what makes an artist tick through a question and answer session and a live performance. KPBS Arts Calendar Editor and Producer Nina Garin will moderate lively discussions between the artists and the audience.



A Treasured Collection of Haitian Art

Feb. 11 – April 15, Free
Cannon Art Gallery
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)
760-602-2021

This collection highlights the stunning private collection of Carlsbad resident, Lawrence Kent. Featuring more than 45 paintings from the 1940s to the present, the Kent's collection illustrates the diverse and distinct characteristics of Haiti's visual traditions and the wide variety of its creative expression produced generations apart.

Family Open Studios

March 3, 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.



EGGstravaganza Spring Festival

March 31, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Free
Poinsettia 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 \$5.



For more events, visit www.carlsbadca.gov.

Good News for Ratepayers

A previously approved water rate increase starting Jan. 1, 2018, will be lower than expected, saving the average household about \$20 and \$1.7 million districtwide.

Customers benefit because water districts may only charge for the actual cost of providing water service.

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4.85%



Approved

2.5%



Actual



Trash/Recycling Pick up

Holiday Schedule

Trash and recycling pick up will be a day later for the rest of the week when the following holidays fall on a weekday. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delay.

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day



For all other holidays, trash and recycling pick up will not be affected.

