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The City of Carlsbad is creating an updated plan to enhance public spaces through public art that engages residents and visitors, helps celebrate the city's identity and contributes to the overall quality of life in Carlsbad.





Bringing History to Life

A recreation of the historic Carlsbad archway sign was installed in January on Carlsbad Boulevard between Carlsbad Village Drive and Grand Avenue. The design was modeled after a sign that was built near the site in the 1930s to direct traffic from Coast Highway to what was then Carlsbad's central business district. The Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce managed the design and construction of the sign, which was donated to the city by the chamber thanks to a donation by TaylorMade Golf Company.

Beach Improvements *Continue*

Carlsbad residents visiting Tamarack State Beach and the seawall this spring will enjoy nicer bathrooms and a bluff restored with new California native plants to prevent erosion and beautify the area – all thanks to a new partnership between the City of Carlsbad and California State Parks, which manages the beaches in Carlsbad. In addition to new fixtures, flooring, and upgraded plumbing and electrical systems in the restrooms, the city put in a new shower and drinking fountain outside and replaced rusted hand railings.

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Fun Things to Do

Walk + Bike Carlsbad

Monthly, Free

Check www.carlsbadca.gov/walkbike for dates and times

Walking and biking "Meetup" groups are being held monthly as part of Walk + Bike Carlsbad, a year-long effort designed to show people the joy, beauty and many benefits of walking and biking instead of driving on short trips around town. The City of Carlsbad is partnering with Circulate San Diego and the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition on this campaign, funded by the San Diego Association of Governments.



Family Open Studios Plus

March 21, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)
760-602-2021

Come tour the current exhibit in the Cannon Art Gallery, *Simply Beautiful: Photographs from National Geographic*, and then create your own work of art. Enjoy special performances at 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. All ages welcome.



EGGstravaganza Spring Festival

April 4, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Poinsettia Community Park
760-434-2843



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 \$6 activity card is available for purchase at our community centers or at the event.

Pirate Plunge

April 18, 5 – 9 p.m.
Alga Norte Aquatic Center
760-434-2843

Enjoy pirate themed pool activities and games during the City of Carlsbad's new Pirate Plunge at Alga Norte Aquatic Center. As the sun goes down, finish the night off with a special presentation of movie *Pirates of the Caribbean* on the giant outdoor movie screen. Cost is \$8 per person. Children ages 3 and under are free.

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

Family Open Studios On the Go

April 18, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Carlsbad Sculpture Garden



Come tour the current exhibit in the Carlsbad Sculpture Garden, *Tiffany Phillip's Balanced Fulcrum*, and then create your own work of art. All ages welcome.

Foreign Film Fridays

May 8 and 22, 7 – 9 p.m.
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)
760-434-2920

Celebrate the best of foreign film. On May 8, enjoy the Danish movie *After the Wedding* and on May 22, Academy Award nominee *Monsieur Lazhar* from Canada.

Bike to Work Day

May 15, 6 – 9 a.m.
Sea wall at Frazee Beach
760-434-2843



Join the City of Carlsbad in celebrating Bike to Work Day! Bicyclists 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.

Wild West Fest

May 16, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park
760-434-2843

Leo Carrillo Ranch is the perfect back drop 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.



Drought Update

Recent rains are not enough to end our serious drought. Carlsbad Municipal Water District continues to be at a Level 2 Drought Alert, which includes mandatory water use restrictions. Please do your part to save water, especially outdoors, which is where typical homes use the most water.

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Watering Schedule

Nov. – May

MW Sa Tu Th Su MWF

Odd-numbered address



Even-numbered address



Apartments, condos and businesses



Irrigate landscapes between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m., no more than 5 minutes a station per assigned day.

Upcoming Events

Home Depot Plant Fairs

Get discounts on more than 20 types of plants, preselected by a panel of experts as water-efficient for the San Diego region.

March 14 • Oceanside, 3838 W Vista Way
May 2 • Encinitas, 1001 N El Camino Real
8 a.m. to noon

Landscape Training Classes

Attend one of these free, three-hour seminars, and learn how to design landscapes that are sustainable in the San Diego climate. Class topics will include how to make the best use of the region's limited rainfall, irrigate efficiently and choose the best plants for each yard.

March 28 and May 16 • 9 a.m. to noon
Carlsbad Municipal Water District
5950 El Camino Real

RSVP to Mario Remillard
mario.remillard@carlsbadca.gov
or 760-438-2722 ext 7153



Carlsbad *Love it!*

A Neighborhoods Empowerment Conference

Working together to build and sustain healthy neighborhoods

March 21, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Come meet extraordinary residents and community leaders who share your passion for strengthening the sense of community in our neighborhoods and our city. Get inspired to work together to build and sustain healthy Carlsbad neighborhoods by thinking big,

sparkling community spirit and igniting community action to help achieve the Carlsbad community's vision for the future. This **FREE event** is open to Carlsbad residents who want to make a difference in their community, connect with local leaders and learn from neighbors who are already doing great things. **Space is limited. Be sure to sign up in advance. Registration will open on Monday, Feb. 2.**

Find us at www.carlsbadconnect.org and search for "neighborhoods conference" or call 760-434-7534.



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