

# Carlsbad *Currents*

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## Modernizing Libraries

Exciting changes are in store for the Georgina Cole Library and Carlsbad City Library on Dove Lane. The libraries will be renovated and modernized to better meet the changing needs of the Carlsbad community.



# Library Redesign and Modernization

The Georgina Cole Library closed Sept. 1 for a major redesign and modernization project. Once Cole construction is completed in early 2016, Carlsbad City Library on Dove Lane will close temporarily for its own upgrades and renovations. Both libraries will feature:

- Enhanced community gathering spaces
- Upgraded technology
- Improved service and access to information



## Construction Schedule

**Cole construction begins**..... **Sept. 2015**  
**Cole reopens/Dove construction begins\***..... **Early 2016**  
**Dove reopens** ..... **Spring 2016**

\* Construction will be staggered at the Dove Library to allow part of the building to remain open during some construction phases.

## We're Open 24/7

During library construction, the city is providing easy access to library services:



- Online services, such as eBooks and eMagazines, and other resources are always at your fingertips though the library website, [www.carlsbadlibrary.org](http://www.carlsbadlibrary.org).
- The Carlsbad City Library Learning Center (3368 Eureka Place, across from Holiday Park) will offer expanded hours throughout the construction period.
- Only one library will be closed for construction at a time.



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Thanks to an agreement with NRG and SDG&E, the old power plant will be torn down at no cost to taxpayers.

## Smaller Power Plant **Approved**

The California Energy Commission has approved a new, smaller and more efficient power plant to replace the aging Encina Power Station on Carlsbad's coast.

NRG Energy originally proposed the Carlsbad Energy Center Project in September 2007. The original proposal did not include a commitment to tear down the existing plant, leaving open the possibility of two power plants on Carlsbad's coast for the foreseeable future. At that time, NRG did not have a contract to sell the power locally. The City of Carlsbad strongly opposed the project for these reasons, and a lengthy review process ensued. Ultimately, the California Energy Commission approved the project on May 31, 2012. During the five year approval process, newer technology became available, and the unexpected closure of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station changed the region's energy needs. As a result, in December 2013, SDG&E, NRG Energy and the City of Carlsbad entered into an agreement that would allow for the construction of an amended Carlsbad Energy Center Project and provide new coastal access for Carlsbad residents.



# Fun Things to Do

## **Food For Thought: A Celebration of Food in Art Exhibit**

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

*A Celebration of Food  
in Art* explores how  
artists take the historical tradition of still life  
painting into new realms by using food as a  
primary subject matter.



## **National Public Lands Day**

Sept. 26, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., Free  
Kelly Trail, Agua Hedionda Reserve  
760-434-2838

The City of Carlsbad will celebrate National Public Lands Day with a volunteer trail clean up. Volunteer work will include clearing the trail of overgrown brush, trail surface improvements, litter pick up and other trail maintenance. The city will provide tools, water and light snacks and requests that volunteers bring gloves and wear long pants, hats, sunscreen and closed toe shoes.



## **ArtSplash**

Sept. 26, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sept. 27, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Free  
Armada Drive between Cannon and Palomar Airport Road  
[www.carlsbadartsplash.org](http://www.carlsbadartsplash.org)

Join internationally renowned 3D chalk artist Tracy Lee Stum and the locally renowned Fern Street Circus for this year's ArtSplash. 3D chalk art will soar magically from the pavement while a merry moving sculpture draws ArtSplash-goers into a community parade. A circus-like atmosphere prevails two full days of art-viewing, art-making, live music, fine art, food and memorable family fun under the Carlsbad sun. Proceeds benefit arts and music programs in our schools.



## **Super Hero Obstacle Race**

Oct. 3, 8 a.m. – noon  
\$30 per person, must be 5 years or older to participate  
Alga Norte Community Park  
760-602-7510

Dress up like your favorite super hero and come out to the park for this fun family obstacle race. Defeat villains while leaping over tall buildings, crawl through toxic tunnels and find your way through 20 obstacles located in the park. Participants receive a cape and finishing medal. Register at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) search super hero.



## **Family Open Studios Plus**

Oct. 3, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Free  
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)  
760-602-2021

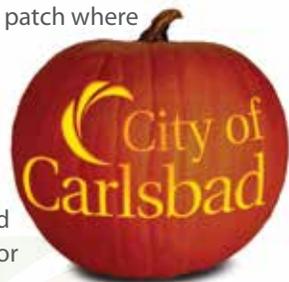
Tour the current exhibit in the Cannon Art Gallery, *Food For Thought: A Celebration of Food in Art*, and then create your own work of art. Enjoy special performances at 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. All ages welcome.



## **Pumpkin Plunge**

Oct. 17, 5 p.m.  
\$10 per person, kids 3 and under free,  
Alga Norte Aquatic Center  
760-268-4777

Enjoy two hours of fun, with Halloween themed pool activities including a floating pumpkin patch where each child leaves with a pumpkin. Finish the night off with a special presentation of *Hocus Pocus* (rated PG) on the outdoor movie screen.



For a complete, searchable calendar of events, visit [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov).

# California-Friendly *Landscape Training*

Attend one of these free seminars and learn how to make the best use of the region's limited rainfall, irrigate efficiently and choose the best plants for each yard. Space is limited, and registration is required.



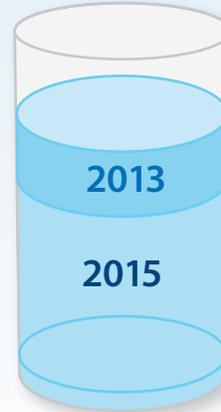
**Saturday, Sept. 19 or Saturday, Oct. 17**  
**9 a.m. to noon**

Carlsbad Municipal Water District  
5950 El Camino Real, Carlsbad

For more information and to sign up, contact Mario Remillard, 760-438-2722, ext 7153, or [mario.remillard@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:mario.remillard@carlsbadca.gov)

## How Do You Compare?

Carlsbad as a whole is doing a great job cutting back on water use. The state is requiring a 28 percent decrease over 2013. Check your water bill to see how you're doing, or look up your account online at <https://waterbill.carlsbadca.gov/ecare/>



### Save 28%

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## Coastal Improvements *Continue*



### Terramar Area Coastal Improvement Project

The City of Carlsbad is working on a project to improve safety and traffic flow along Carlsbad Boulevard around Cannon Road, as well as tending to the bluff top area across from the power plant. Conceptual design options will be available this fall for public review and input. Visit [www.carlsbadca.gov/coastal](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/coastal) for more information.



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