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What is more beautiful than a majestic pelican gliding over a Carlsbad lagoon, a mother least tern tending to her young or a regal hawk perched on a tree? How well do you know our feathered friends in Carlsbad? Check inside to find out who you might encounter on your next trail hike, or even in your own backyard.



Our Feathered Friends

Next time you are enjoying a Carlsbad trail, a walk on the beach or even a stroll through your neighborhood, keep an eye in the sky to spot these birds that call Carlsbad home.

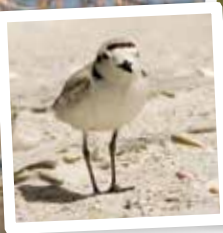
Great egret



Long-billed curlew



California least tern



Snowy plover



Red-tailed hawk

Get Rid of E-Waste



Did the holidays bring you a new computer, smart phone or TV? Get rid of your old electronic items in a way that's safe and won't harm the environment.

Sell: Many online sites, cellular providers and some retailers will buy back old phones and other electronics for cash or credit. Never hurts to ask.

Donate: You can donate working phones, computers and other devices to non-profit organizations, and take a tax write off while doing good.

Free Home Pickup: Through our trash contract, Waste Management will collect up to five "e-waste" items three times a year right from your home. Call 760-929-9400 at least 24 hours before your regular trash day.

Be sure to "wipe" your data to avoid identity theft. Not sure how? Just search online for "wipe + name of your device" and step by step instructions should pop right up.

Free Drop off: Take your items to the Waste Management's Recycling Center at 5960 El Camino Real in Carlsbad, Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proof of residency is required.



New Year's Resolutions

Feeling ambitious in the new year? Let us help you get off to a great start:

Fitness

Sign up for Parks & Recreation classes at www.carlsbadconnect.org, or pick up a trails map at www.carlsbadca.gov/trails.



Book Club

Meet new friends and discuss the latest in literature. For dates, times and locations, pick up a flier at any library, or search the city website for "book clubs."



Volunteer

Help clean up a trail, serve meals to seniors or even teach someone to read. Call 760-434-2929 to find out more.



Help the Environment

Reduce your carbon footprint and save money while you're at it. Find out about rebates, incentives and tips for making changes to your home, car or lifestyle. Search "sustainability" on the city website.



New Skills

Check out the new "Exploration Hub" at Carlsbad City Library, stocked with all the new gadgets and technology (3-D printers, laser cutters, video software and more). You can take a free class or just explore on your own.





Fun Things to Do

Juried Biennial Exhibition

Jan. 22 – March 5, Free
Cannon Art Gallery
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)
760-602-2021

In 18 years, more than 500 artists have appeared in the Cannon Art Gallery's Juried Exhibitions, which are among San Diego County's most significant showcases for emerging and mid-career artists. This exhibit features artists who live, work or have a studio in San Diego County. The juried exhibitions are always lively and eclectic.



Aura Maria Suarez, Mother Nature

Library Got Game

Feb. 4, March 11, 1 – 4 p.m., Free
Feb. 27, March 27, 6 – 8 p.m., Free
Georgina Cole Library
760-434-2781

Love games and socializing? Join us for Library Got Game for an afternoon or evening of adult fun!

Featured games include Harry Potter Hogwarts Battle decks, Telestrations, Tickets to Ride, Scrabble and more.

Family Open Studios

Feb. 11, 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.

This Is Jazz!

Feb. 11, March 11, 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. These 90-minute sessions let audiences listen to jazz, learn about jazz and talk about jazz with savvy specialists and our region's top talents.

Epic Teen Nights: Party in the Park

Feb. 18, 5 – 9 p.m., \$8 per person
Calavera Hills Community Center
760-602-7510



Dancing, video games, giant inflatables and laser tag, it's an "Epic" night for a party. Drop off your 11 to 15-year-old (6th grade or higher) for a fun-filled night as we take over the building with a black-light dance room, Gamez on Wheelz game truck with Rock Band, Zorb ball races, a movie, inflatables and more! Instagram shots from our photo booth, compete in contests and test your skills at laser tag.

Trail Volunteer Events

Feb. 25, March 18, 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.

For more events, visit www.carlsbadca.gov.

Water Rates Explained

On Jan. 1, water rates went up about \$5 a month for the average household. No one likes to see their monthly bills increase, but keep in mind that even with the increase, Carlsbad is still in the lower third of the region when it comes to rates. Where does this money go?



How each dollar is spent:



Buy water imported from Northern California and the Colorado River



Pay to replace old pipes, pumps and other equipment



Cost to operate and maintain the water system



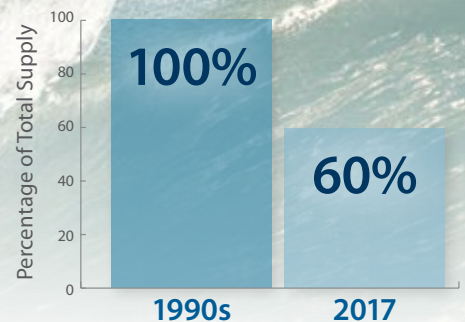
"Savings account" to cover unexpected expenses.

Reducing Reliance on Imported Water

Imported water sources are limited, and the price continues to increase. That's why the region has invested \$3.1 billion over the past 25 years to create more locally controlled supplies. As a result, Carlsbad has reduced its dependence on imported water by almost half.



Imported Water in Carlsbad



New Year New You

Is getting more fit on your 2017 to do list? Check out these classes offered by the city's Parks & Recreation Department.

Register online
www.carlsbadconnect.org

