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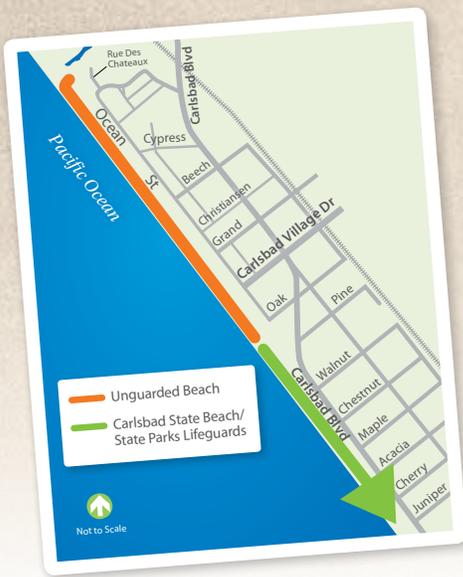
It's time for another great season of TGIF Concerts in the Parks, Carlsbad's signature summer series. This year's line up features crowd favorites and some new artists sure to get your toes tapping, as well as hands on art making activities for the whole family. Grab your dancing shoes and join the fun every Friday from June 23 to Aug. 18.

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Lifeguard Pilot Program This Summer

From Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend, the City of Carlsbad will try a pilot program to provide lifeguards and enhanced law enforcement services on the beach north of Oak Avenue to the city's northern border.

The area is not part of the California State Parks system, and as a result has limited services. In recent years, the number of people using this part of the beach has increased, prompting safety concerns. After the summer, staff will present the results of the pilot program to the City Council, which will then consider how best to move forward.



What's Going on?

Are you curious about a certain issue and not sure where to go to get the facts? Want to find out what your city government is up to? Here are some easy ways to find what you're looking for:



Sign up for the city's **weekly newsletter** highlighting City Council decisions, upcoming projects and more.



Get put on the list to receive **agendas** for upcoming City Council meetings and boards and commission meetings.



Like our **Facebook page**, and be sure to add it to your "notifications" settings. That way, updates will show up in your newsfeed.



Follow the city on **Twitter** for quick updates and news headlines.



Watch the city's government **cable channel** on Spectrum channel 24 and AT&T U-verse channel 99. Don't have cable? You can watch the channel on the city's website too.



Bookmark the city's **online newsroom** to find articles, newsletters and videos highlighting recent events, upcoming decisions and city issues.



If you want to dig into the details, request copies of "**public records**," which include reports, studies and practically anything else. Make a formal request with the City Clerk, or use the online portal on the city's website.



One of the most frequent questions we get is about **development**. To find out about new projects being proposed, sign up to get emails about "Pending Planning Applications" or find this information on the city website.



Yep, we still print stuff. Go to any city library, community center or City Hall to get copies of fact sheets, newsletters and other **materials**.

Ask the City ?

Why does it seem like some **road construction projects** take forever?

Well, sometimes they do. City staff with background in engineering, construction and environmental protection work together to put together a realistic project schedule. However, there are always some variables beyond their control, like:

- Weather
- Older maps not having underground infrastructure marked
- Unexpected soil conditions
- Permitting and environmental regulations

Night work can reduce headaches for commuters, but is not done routinely because it disturbs nearby residents, is less safe and costs significantly more. Long story short, construction is a messy but necessary part of

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keeping our city well maintained and running smoothly. Our best advice? Avoid construction zones when possible and leave plenty of time if you must travel through them. And we promise to do our part to let you know what's coming and keep noise, lights, dust and traffic impacts to a minimum whenever we can.



Fun Things to Do

Americana: The Flag in Popular Culture Photographs by Ted Diamond

June 4 – Aug. 6, Free
Cannon Art Gallery
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)
760-602-2021

Photographer Ted Diamond has had a lifelong interest in American pop culture. His works are simulations of the American Flag depicted as the face of America at an intersection of patriotism, popular culture and religion.



Summer Reading Program

June 19 - Aug. 4, Free
Carlsbad City Libraries
760-434-2870

The annual summer reading program takes place at all three Carlsbad City Library locations with special activities, reading incentives, and entertainment for toddlers, kids, teens and adults.

TGIF Concerts in the Parks

June 23 – Aug. 18
Fridays, 6 – 8 p.m., Free
Various park locations

TGIF features great music, beautiful park settings, free offsite parking and shuttle service, a variety of food vendors and hands-on activities for all ages.

Aloha Plunge

June 24, 5 – 9 p.m., \$10
Alga Norte Aquatic Center
760-268-4777



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

Lifestyle & Fitness Festival

July 8, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Free
Pine Avenue Community Park
760-434-2843

Carlsbad celebrates Parks & Recreation month with a festival featuring fun activities, helpful products and information from lifestyle and wellness experts, and an exciting family fitness zone. A wristband is required for some of the activities and can be purchased at the event for \$6.



36th Annual Carlsbad Triathlon

July 9, 7:30 – 11 a.m.
Tamarack State Beach
760-602-7519

The Carlsbad Triathlon course begins at Tamarack Surf Beach and follows the coastline of Carlsbad, past scenic beaches, lagoons and a wildlife preserve. The triathlon boasts a calm ocean swim, a rolling bike course and a smooth run for the finish. Register to be an athlete at www.carlsbadtriathlon.com.

Splash Bash

July 15, 6 – 9 p.m., \$8
Alga Norte Aquatic Center
760-268-4777

Test your balance and agility on a floating obstacle or floating key log, do cannonballs from a diving board or just enjoy splashing around in the pool or splash pad.



For more events, visit www.carlsbadca.gov.

Drought's Over, Now What?

On March 31, the governor officially declared California's drought emergency over in most parts of the state. Thanks to heavy winter rains and ongoing water conservation, reservoirs have been refilled, and mandatory water cut backs have been put on hold.

But don't get carried away, warn water officials. We still live in a desert where wise water use is still the right thing to do. For Carlsbad Municipal Water District customers, even the lowest "drought alert" level requires responsible water conservation measures:

- Irrigate your yard only before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. to minimize water lost to evaporation.
- No run off or overspray from irrigation.
- No hosing off of driveways, sidewalks or other hard surfaces (except to remove safety or sanitation hazards).
- Hand held irrigation must have a shut off nozzle.
- Serve water at restaurants only upon request.
- All water leaks must be fixed within five days.
- No landscape irrigation when it's raining or 48 hours after.



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TGIF Concerts in the Parks

Mark your calendar! It's time for another TGIF concert series. For the 2017 concert line up, check the city's website at www.carlsbadca.gov/arts.

Stagecoach Community Park

June 23
June 30

Poinsettia Community Park

July 7
July 14
July 21

Calavera Hills Community Park

July 28
August 4

Alga Norte Community Park

August 11
August 18

