

Carlsbad *Currents*

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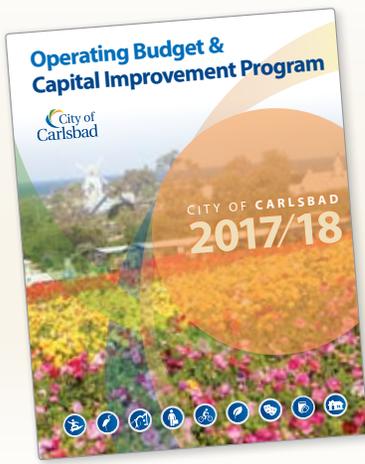
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Summer in Carlsbad

It's time to say goodbye to "June gloom," take a break from the routine and spend some time enjoying a city most people only get to visit. An early morning hike, dining al fresco, a concert in the park, the beach at sunset? What is your favorite way to enjoy summer in Carlsbad?

 City of
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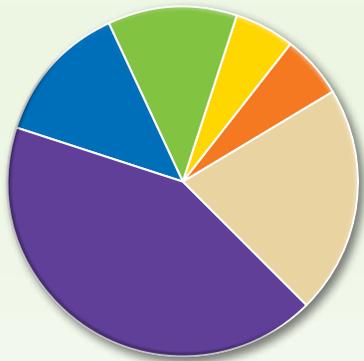
The city is starting the new fiscal year that began July 1 with a balanced budget that is about 3 percent higher than last year's spending plan. Overall, revenues from sales, property and hotel taxes are up, enabling the city to continue to provide residents with a very high level of service.

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Where the Money Goes

The city's main source of money to cover day to day operating expenses is the General Fund Operating Budget, which is just under \$150 million. As a service organization, employee compensation is a big part of the budget, especially in the area of public safety, where employees work in shifts around the clock, seven days a week. To read this year's budget, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/finance.

FY 2017-18 General Fund \$145.7 Million



- Police, Fire and Emergency Preparedness, 57.1M, **39%**
- Streets, Water, Wastewater, Drainage, Environmental Management, 17.5M, **12%**
- Non-departmental, 16.1M, **11%**
- City Clerk, City Attorney, City Council, City Manager's Office, 7.4M, **5%**
- IT, Human Resources, Finance, 7.8M, **5%**
- Library & Cultural Arts, Parks & Recreation, Community & Economic Development, 39.8M, **28%**

Developing *Future Leaders*



The city has partnered with the YouSchool and Servant Leadership Institute to host the Carlsbad Student Leader Academy. This free program helps high school students get more engaged as leaders in their community.

The next session

kicks off this fall on Sept. 11 and runs 10 consecutive Monday evenings. Carlsbad residents in ninth through 12th grades are encouraged to apply online at www.carlsbadstudentleaderacademy.com.

District Elections

Update

The City of Carlsbad is in the process of changing the way City Council members are elected. The current system of "at large" elections, where all voters in the city vote for all City Council members, was alleged to be a violation of the California Voting Rights Act. In the "by district" election system, the city is divided into geographic districts, each electing one City Council member from that district. Instead of fighting a lawsuit (that every other city has lost) and paying millions in legal fees, the City Council decided to voluntarily make the change. Map boundaries must be finalized by early August, and the new system will be phased in over the coming years. Get more info at www.carlsbadca.gov/districts.



Fun Things to Do

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.

TGIF
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in the Parks



Americana Community Celebration

July 29, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Family Open Studios); 3 to 6 p.m. (Americana Festivities), Free
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)
760-602-2021

The event will feature Americana themed fun and games for all ages, a meet and greet with artist Ted Diamond, live music with Ginger Cowgirl and Bach to Rock and hands-on art projects.

2017 State of the City

Aug. 21, 6 p.m., Free
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium,
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)

Join members of the City Council for a free showing of the 2017 State of the City video, highlighting key projects and initiatives, city priorities and future planning.

Snores & S'mores

Aug. 12, 5 p.m. – Aug. 13, 9 a.m., \$25
Aviara Community Park
760-434-2843

Set up your tent in the park for a fun overnight campout. Enjoy fun games, activities and crafts along with an outdoor movie complete with popcorn and s'mores. Dinner and a continental breakfast are provided.



Float N' Flick

Aug. 26, 7 – 10 p.m., \$8
Alga Norte Aquatic Center
760-268-4777

Float in our warm water pool while enjoying a movie under the stars on the giant outdoor screen. Rings and tubes will be available for purchase.

Family Movie Night

Sept. 9, 5 p.m. (movie starts at dusk), Free
Stagecoach Community Park
760-434-2843

Bring a chair, a picnic, the family and enjoy an outdoor movie experience on a big screen in the park. This year's event features *Lego Batman* (rated PG). There will be a fun zone including games, crafts and activities prior to the start of the movie. Fun zone wristbands can be purchased at the event for \$5.

For more events, visit
www.carlsbadca.gov



Summer Watering Rules

The Carlsbad Municipal Water District has adopted new, less stringent water use rules just in time for summer, but officials remind the community that in our desert climate, water conservation is a part of our daily lives, drought or no drought.

Under the new rules, landscape irrigation is allowed on any day of the week and **no longer** limited to 10 minutes per sprinkler station. Water officials recommend watering no more than three days a week, although that is no longer a mandatory limit. For the full list of water use restrictions, visit the city website at www.carlsbadca.gov/water.

What's in Your Water?

A new report confirms that Carlsbad Municipal Water District continues to provide water that meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards. The district's 2015 Water Quality Report provides detailed water quality test results and explains where Carlsbad's drinking water comes from.

All water agencies are required to produce a water quality report each year. The Carlsbad Municipal Water District

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Water Quality Report is available on the city website at www.carlsbadca.gov/water-quality-report. If you would like a copy sent to your home, please call 760-438-2722.

Thanks for Keeping Our Air Clean

Clean Air Checklist



Consider an electric vehicle



Install solar



Replace old appliances



Walk/bike when possible



Do a home energy audit

Get info on rebates, incentives and other programs at www.carlsbadca.gov/rebates

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