

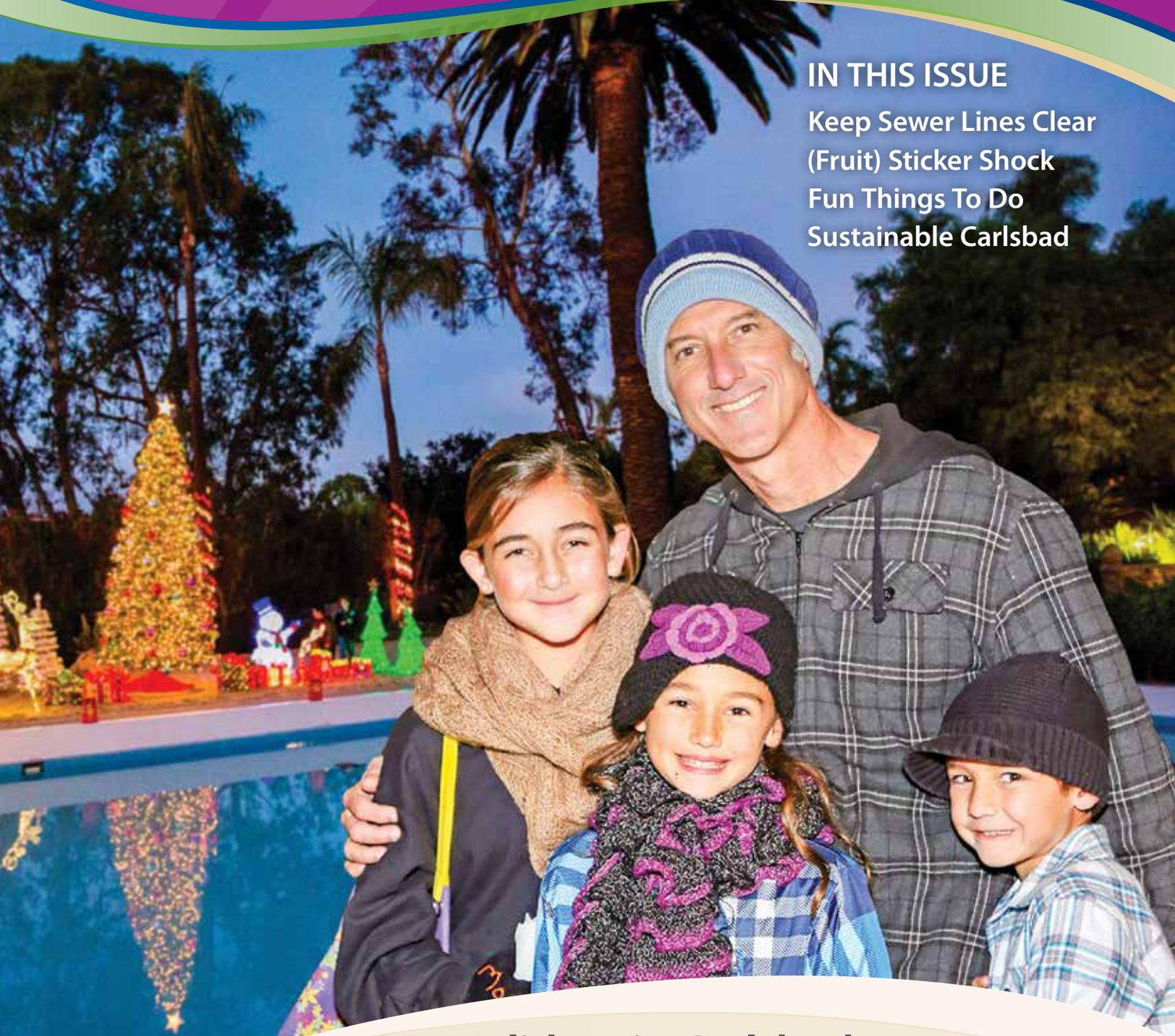
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Holidays in Carlsbad

The holidays are a magical time in Carlsbad. Explore inland trails during the cooler weather. Linger over a winter sunset. Treat yourself to a day of local shopping (and eating). Most of all, take a moment to enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us. And, try not to gloat when friends back east complain about the weather.

 City of
Carlsbad

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year... for Sewage Problems

A house full of guests and toilets start to overflow? Making the perfect meal and the sink gets backed up? Worse yet – you take your family visiting from out of town to the beach only to find it closed due a sewer spill.

Don't let this happen to you. Keep your pipes clear by following these simple rules.



Did You Know?

Studies show the day after Thanksgiving is the **busiest day of the year** for plumbers.

Don't "Stick it" to the Ocean

Fruit stickers. How could something so small pose such a big threat to our oceans and lagoons? Turns out those little stickers on fruit often wind up down the drain, and eventually clog pipes and wreak havoc on wastewater treatment equipment, which can result in costly repairs and sewer spills.

Why? It's because the adhesive backing doesn't break down in water, it just finds something else to stick to.

"Think about how many apples, tomatoes and other fruit Carlsbad eats in a day, and you can start to see the problem," said Don Wasko, who has overseen the city's sewer system for the better part of two decades.



When you wash your produce, put these stickers in the trash, not the garbage disposal.



Fun Things to Do

Holiday at the Rancho

Dec. 2, 5 – 8 p.m.
 \$10 per person, kids ages 3
 and under are free
 Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park,
 760-434-2843



Leo Carrillo Ranch is the perfect setting for a classic holiday feel with carolers, a tree lighting, cookie decorating, crafts and train rides. Face painting, an outdoor movie and a special visit by Santa are also included.

Foreign Film Fridays

4 and 7 p.m., Free
 Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium
 Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)
 760-602-2090



Join other movie lovers for this film series celebrating the best of foreign films.

Dec. 1, *Dheepan* (France, R)
 Dec. 15, *The King of Masks* (China, NR)

Family Open Studios

Dec. 2, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Free
 Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium
 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. Enjoy a performing art performance as part of the experience.

Library Holiday Concerts

Saturday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m., Free
 Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium
 Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)

*Jessica Fichot-From Paris to Shanghai:
 Holidays Around the World!*

Thursday, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m., Free
 Carlsbad City Library Learning Center
 3368 Eureka Place

K. Emeline



Saturday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m., Free
 Georgina Cole Library Community Room
 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive

*Clay Colton Duo -
 Cole 50th Anniversary
 Celebration*



Opera Previews

Saturday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m., Free
 Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium,
 1775 Dove Lane

Maria de Buenos Aires

Whether you are an opera aficionado or just curious about this art form, discover the diverse season of the San Diego Opera in this exciting and educational series with musicologist



Dr. Ron Shaheen. Using a variety of media, Dr. Shaheen will offer advance, in-depth insights about San Diego Opera productions' historic background, style, story and setting and fabled performers. Stay after the presentation for a special live romantic dance performance by Flamenco Gallardo at 11 a.m.

For more events, visit www.carlsbadca.gov.

Reduce Waste This Holiday Season

Help Carlsbad reduce trash going to the landfill this holiday season:



- **Skip wrapping paper.** “Wrap” gifts in reusable bags and boxes. Or, turn part of the gift into the wrapping, like scarves, dishtowels or even a pair of socks.
- **Reuse ribbons and bows.** “If every family reused just two feet of holiday ribbon, the 38,000 miles of ribbon saved could tie a bow around the entire planet,” says Stanford University.
- **Use cloth tablecloths and napkins.** Skip throwaway paper products, even if they’re made from recycled paper.
- **Discontinue catalogs.** When you get catalogs in the mail, call the customer service numbers and ask to have your address removed right then and there. Browse and get coupons online.
- **Give experiences, not a lot of stuff.** Skip wrapping altogether by giving (and asking for) the gift of experiences or contributions to your favorite charity, rather than more stuff.

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State law says cities must reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and to 40 percent of the 1990 levels by 2030.

Sustainability Report Card

The City of Carlsbad was recently recognized with the Beacon Award, part of a statewide initiative that promotes leadership in sustainability. Why?

- ✓ The city's Growth Management Program, which requires developers to pay for infrastructure and facility improvements to support new building; sets aside nearly 40 percent of the city as permanent open space; and limits the number of new homes overall.
- ✓ The city's Sustainability Guiding Principles, which balance environmental economic and social considerations in decision-making.
- ✓ The Carlsbad Community Vision, developed through a two year planning effort with the community, which highlights the community's most important values, including open space, community connections and sustainability.
- ✓ The city's General Plan, including policies to promote open space, conservation and recreation.
- ✓ Carlsbad's first Climate Action Plan, approved in 2015, which provides a comprehensive and measurable approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.