Welcome to Carlsbad



A resource guide for **residents**







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Whether new to the community or a long-time resident, you will find Carlsbad to be a very special place, where an ideal climate and abundant natural open spaces combine with active neighborhoods and a small town, beach community feel to create a community we are proud to call home.

The City of Carlsbad has prepared this guide to help residents get to know their city.



Our History

Named for a famed 19th Century European spa whose mineral springs were found to be remarkably similar to those found here, Carlsbad's history reflects the heritage of many cultures. The shoreline of Carlsbad's Agua Hedionda Lagoon was home to the indigenous Luiseño and Diegueños Indians for centuries before the arrival of the Spaniards. The area known today as Carlsbad was once a territory of Spain and then Mexico.

The City of Carlsbad was incorporated in 1952 and today is home to more than 100,000 people. Guided by an award-winning growth management plan approved by voters in 1986, Carlsbad has matured into a well-rounded community where parks, roads and other infrastructure have kept pace with development. Now that most of the growth in Carlsbad has already occurred, the city is focused on sustaining an excellent quality of life for residents and continuing to foster a strong sense of community.

For more local history visit the Carlsbad History Collection located at the Georgina Cole Library.

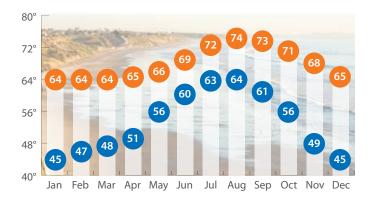


Fast Facts

Population	112,000
Total square miles	39
Miles of coastline	7
Number of parks	25
Number of libraries	3
Number of fire stations	6
Number of lagoons	3
Trails	50+ miles and counting

Weather







Your City Government

The City of Carlsbad is a municipal corporation following the councilmanager form of government. The City Council, the city's legislative body, enacts ordinances, resolutions and orders necessary for governing the affairs of the city, adopts an annual budget, authorizes contracts on behalf of the city, and appoints the city manager, city attorney, and members of city boards and commissions. The city manager serves as the city's chief administrative officer and sees to it the Council's policies are implemented. In 2008, residents voted to become a charter city, providing greater local control over city affairs. Carlsbad has an elected mayor and four City Council members elected at large.

Get Involved

The City of Carlsbad provides many ways for residents to get involved in local government.

- City Council meetings Attend City Council meetings in person or watch them on the city website or cable channel (Time Warner 24 or AT&T 99). Sign up on the city website to get City Council agendas by email.
- Boards and commissions The city has a number of boards and commissions that advise the City Council on issues of interest to the community. For a schedule of meetings and to find out how to become a member, visit the city website and look under "City Hall."
- Citizens Academy Get a behind the scenes look at how the city operates, meet city leaders and learn about city government during this free seven week evening course.
- News and events Keep up with city news and events by subscribing to city newsletters and email updates. Follow the city on social media sites like Twitter and Facebook, and watch city news on YouTube and the city cable channel.
- Open records The city's business is your business. City records, including plans, maps, budgets and project reports, are available for public review in person or online.



Connecting With Your Community

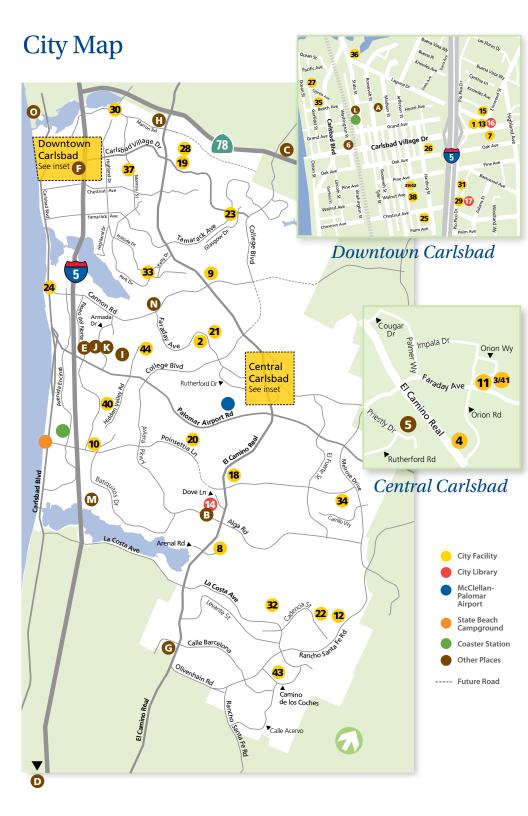
- Community events The city hosts special events year round for kids, families and adults. Check the calendar on the city's website for upcoming dates and times.
- Lifelong learning The city offers free and low cost classes for students of all ages through its library, arts and recreation programs. Class schedules and registration information are available on the city's website and in the Community Services Guide, which is available at city buildings and on the website.
- Art and culture The City of Carlsbad promotes arts and culture with its own programs and partnerships with community organizations. The city's Cultural Arts Office provides hands on arts education; manages rotating art exhibits at the Carlsbad Sculpture Garden and William D. Cannon Art Gallery; and puts on the popular TGIF Concerts in the Parks each summer – all free to the public. Residents can also enjoy an eclectic array of musical performances at the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library on Dove Lane.
- City volunteer program Meet new friends while serving your community through the city's active volunteer program. Residents help take care of trails, bring meals to homebound neighbors, teach reading, help with special events and more. Call 760-434-2929 to get involved.
- For the 50+ crowd It's all about fun, fitness and friendship at the
 Carlsbad Senior Center, where active adults gather for classes, events,
 and free seminars and screenings. Take advantage of the fitness
 room and computer lab, and dine with neighbors at the weekday
 lunch program.





- World class libraries The City of Carlsbad has three outstanding newly modernized libraries, offering public computers, free wireless Internet access, programs for all ages and a diverse collection of library materials.
- Parks and recreation Enjoy the city's beautiful parks, extensive trails system, fitness classes, and sports leagues for kids and adults. Check the city's website for trail head locations and events, class and camp sign ups, and information about other recreational activities.
- Mediation Feel trouble brewing with a new neighbor? Nip it in the bud by using the City of Carlsbad's free mediation program called Carlsbad Mediation Solutions. Mediators will work toward securing a mutually acceptable agreement. It's free, fast and convenient. To learn more, call 760-434-2868.





- City of Carlsbad
 City Hall
 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive
- 2. City of Carlsbad Faraday Center 1635 Faraday Ave.
- 3. City of Carlsbad Safety Center 2560 Orion Way
- City of Carlsbad Utilities/ Carlsbad Municipal Water District 5950 El Camino Real
- 5. Chamber of Commerce* 5934 Priestly Drive
- 6. Visit Carlsbad*
 400 Carlsbad Village Drive

Fire Stations

- 7. Fire Station #1 1275 Carlsbad Village Drive
- 8. Fire Station #2 1906 Arenal Road
- 9. Fire Station #3 3465 Trailblazer Way
- 10. Fire Station #4
- 6885 Batiquitos Drive
- 11. Fire Station #5 2540 Orion Way
- 12. Fire Station #6 7201 Rancho Santa Fe Road

Housing & Neighborhood Services

City of Carlsbad
 Housing & Neighborhood Services
 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive

Library & Cultural Arts

- 14. Carlsbad City Library
 Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium
 William D. Cannon Art Gallery
 City of Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office
 1775 Dove Lane
- 15. City of Carlsbad Sculpture Garden 2955 Flmwood St.

- Georgina Cole Library
 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive
- 17. Library Learning Center 3368 Eureka Place

Parks & Recreation

- 18. Alga Norte Community Park Alga Norte Aquatic Center Alga Norte Dog Park Alga Norte Skate Park 6565 Alicante Road
- 19. Ann D. L'Heureux Dog Park 2700 Carlsbad Village Drive
- 20. Aviara Community Park 6435 Ambrosia Lane
- 21. Business Park Recreational Facility Zone Faraday Avenue and Camino Hills Drive
- 22. Cadencia Park 3310 Cadencia St.
- Calavera Hills Community Center and Park
 2997 Glasgow Drive
- 24. Cannon Park
 Carlsbad Boulevard and
 Cannon Road
- 25. Chase Field 3349 Harding St.
- 26. Harding Community Center 3096 Harding St.
- 27. Heritage Hall 2650 Garfield St.
- 28. Hidden Canyon Park 2685 Vancouver St.
- 29. Holiday Park Chestnut Street and Pio Pico Drive
- 30. Hosp Gove Park
 Jefferson Street and Marron Road
- 31. Kruger House 3251 Eureka Place

- 32. La Costa Canyon Park Pueblo Street and Rana Court
- 33. Laguna Riviera Park Kelly Drive and Park Drive
- 34. Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park 6200 Flying LC Lane
- 35. Magee Park 258 Beech Ave.
- 36. Maxton Brown Park 500 Laguna Drive
- 37. Monroe Street Pool 3401 Monroe St.
- 38. Pine Avenue Community Park 3333 Harding St.
- 39. Parks & Recreation Administration 799 Pine Ave., Ste. 200
- 40. Poinsettia Community Park 6600 Hidden Valley Road
- 41. City of Carlsbad Skate Park 2560 Orion Way
- 42. Carlsbad Senior Center 799 Pine Ave.
- 43. Stagecoach Community Center and Park
 3420 Camino de los Coches
- 44. The Crossings at Carlsbad Golf Course 5800 The Crossings Drive

Other Places*

Post Offices

- A. 2772 Roosevelt St. (northern Carlsbad)
- B. 1700 Aviara Parkway (southern Carlsbad)

Hospitals

- C. Tri-City Medical Center 4002 Vista Way, Oceanside
- D. Scripps Memorial Hospital 354 Santa Fe Drive, Encinitas

Shopping

- E. Carlsbad Premium Outlets 5620 Paseo Del Norte
- F. Carlsbad Village Carlsbad Village Drive, west of Interstate 5
- G. The Forum 1932 Calle Barcelona
- H. The Shoppes at Carlsbad 2525 El Camino Real

Fun

- I. LEGOLAND California Resort One Legoland Drive
- J. The Flower Fields 5704 Paseo del Norte
- K. Museum of Making Music 5790 Armada Drive
- L. New Village Arts Theatre 2787 State St., Ste. B
- M. Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation Nature Center 7380 Gabbiano Lane
- N. Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation Discovery Center 1500 Cannon Road
- O. Buena Vista Lagoon Foundation 2202 S. Coast Highway, Oceanside

*Non-city



City News and Events

Keep up with city news and events!

- Website: Visit the city's website, www.carlsbadca.gov, for city news, City Council agendas and live streaming of council meetings, class registration, an events calendar, online water bill payment, library catalog, and information about all city departments and services.
- E-news: Sign up to receive the city's latest news and information right to your inbox through the city's e-subscription service on the city's website home page.



- City TV: Watch City Council meetings and get the latest city news on the City of Carlsbad cable channel on Charter Spectrum (formerly Time Warner) channel 24 and AT&T U-verse channel 99.
- Emergency information: Sign up for free emergency alerts via cell phone, email or text at www.readysandiego.org. Visit the city's website and search "emergency preparedness" for tips on how to prepare for emergencies.

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Have Questions?

Carlsbad residents can always reach someone at City Hall Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., by dialing **760-434-2820**. Or, email us at **help@carlsbadca.gov**. We are here to make sure our residents get the information and services they need.



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Commonly Requested Numbers

City Hall	760-434-2820
Seach Information	619-688-3260
Water Billing	760-602-2420
Building Permits	760-602-2719
North County Transit District	760-966-6500
SDG&E	800-411-7343
Trash/Recycling	760-929-9400
Animal Control	760-438-2312

