# Making the Village all it can be

This year has truly flown by. As a new year begins, it's only natural to look back to see how far we've come. The Carlsbad Village

Association (CVA) is proud of the year it has had in the Village. Just looking at its events alone, they've grown in popularity and atten dance and have helped ele vate Carlsbad Village in the minds of locals and visitors as an ideal place to shop, dine and play. CVA added two new events in Decem ber alone - the Village Night of Lights and Movie Night in the Village – making our downtown even more fun than it was before.



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This past year CVA hosted over 51 Farmers' Markets (with only one rain day all year), 10 Village Voices meetings, two merchant mixers, eight outdoor movies (Flicks at the Foun tain), a juried art faire (Art in the Village), a merchant hospitality night (Village

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Night of Lights), a holiday classic movie in the Carls bad Village Theatre (Movie Night in the Village), and cohosted a charity event (Pets on Parade) with 100% of the proceeds benefiting a Carlsbad-based dog rescue. These events were all designed to help support the hundreds of merchants that call Carls bad Village home.

This past year has also seen growth in the Village with the addition of new restaurants, coffee shops, wineries and boutiques. With nearly 100 dining establishments, ranging from taco shops to fine dining, five relaxing coffee houses, four contemporary wine and tasting bars, and two authentic French bak eries, eating and drinking well is not a problem in downtown Carlsbad. Now, add roughly 100 indepen dent retail establishments, a half dozen award-winning art galleries, five day spas dozens of beauty salons, an antique mall, a movie theatre, a performing arts theatre, and seven miles of pristine beaches, and enjoying a day downtown just became easy as can be. Don't forget that the Village also touts a robust service industry, including everything from car repair to real estate, operated by dozens of family-owned and operated businesses eager to show you exceptional

customer service. The CVA and the down town merchants are already working on its 2017 events, activities and improvements to keep our downtown arow ing strong. We can't thank you enough for shopping small today, tomorrow and always, and making Carls bad Village all it can be.

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the lead of other mall opera tors fighting to reinvent the mall by adding landscaping, pedestrian walkways, com munal spaces and bringing tenants that people want. With department stores in sharp decline, mall



Ocean Point mixes industrial space with creative work space featuring an ideal location that takes advantage of Carlsbad's proximity to the beach and business-friendly environment.

#### Renovated mixed-use project opens for business

The Gildred Compa nies recently unveiled its newly remodeled Ocean Point project located at 5411-5451 Avenida Encinas in Carlsbad.

Ocean Point is an 82,991 square-foot office park that was formerly a drive up concrete industrial park. The year-long project has transformed the space into a mixed use project including both industrial and creative work space. Featuring an ocean-close, park-like environment with a bold design that resonates with tenants and prospec tive tenants.

"We wanted to create an environment that enables

Part of what's hurting the

mall, is that, increasingly,

people are shopping online

and shoppers are getting

choosier about where they

spend their dollars. But The

Shoppes at Carlsbad show

that there is still a lot of life

in that American mainstay,

tric or solar vehicle charg ing, bikes-to-go for rent on site and the ability to utilize reclaimed water Prospective tenants can learn more about Ocean Point by calling (760) 438-9200 . operators have to think cre the suburban mall. **Rouse Properties officials** atively about how to keep shoppers coming back.

say malls will continue to play a central role in the retail landscape given the need for growing retailers to reach and engage with consumers. There's no sub stitute for experiencing a product firsthand and malls provide exactly that type of experience.

enjoying the weather and

amenities at the coast, and

ultimately helping our

business tenants attract

and retain talent." said

Gregg Haggart, The Gild

red Companies' CEO in a

property was inspired by

recent attention to this

"micro market" in Carls

bad and its desirable envi -

ronment for businesses.

Future plans include elec -

The evolution of the

statement.



5K run raises money for children fighting life-threatening diseases

Lace up your shoes for the eighth annual Mitch ell Thorp Foundation 5K Run/Walk on Feb. 4 at Poin settia Park in Carlsbad.

Each year, more than 1,200 children in San Diego County, are diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. Mitchell Thorp Founda tion (MTF) has been help ing these children and families with financial and emotional support.

The funds raised from the event will benefit the families in these grave situa tions. For more information, visit mitchellthorp.org.

#### More WiFi Hotspots come to North County

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the Cox Business Internet Gateway, High Speed Inter net services for small and medium-sized businesses.

Business customer loca tions can now be designated a WiFi hotspot, separate from their Internet traffic or internal guest WiFi net work. The Cox WiFi hotspot SSID (Service Set Identi fier), or the name assigned to a Wi-Fi network. Data traffic uses its own bandwidth that is a separate data stream to prevent the comingling of the Cox WiFi data traffic with Cox Busi ness customer's business data traffic. Cox Business customers who do not wish to participate are able to opt out at any time, yet ninetytwo percent of customers who were offered this new benefit opted in.

"For small businesses, offering patrons a WiFi network secured by Cox Business is a cost-effective and meaningful way to enhance a customer's experience," said Larry Coval, Vice President of Cox Business in San Diego.



Many years ago, leaders in our region came together to figure out how to ensure a reliable water supply for the future. They recognized not just the importance of water to our quality of life, but how essential it is for a healthy economy.

We were in a vulnerable position, and we knew it. The region relied on imported water for 95 per cent of its supply. Carlsbad was 100 percent dependent on imported water. Why was this a problem? Well. among other things, water imported from Northern California and the Colorado River was becoming more scarce and expensive, for a whole variety of reasons And, it all flowed through the Metropolitan Water Dis trict of Southern California, which controlled not only the price, but how much we could get in any given year.

With relatively flat terrain and a desert climate, we weren't going to solve the problem by building more dams (although we did build one). Instead, we needed a multi-pronged strategy to gradually reduce our reli ance on imported water.

Given the long term nature and high cost of the solutions, strong lead ership would be required. The City of Carlsbad is very proud of our role in this effort. Former Mayor Bud Lewis was an early cham pion, not only in his city role but as a member and chairman of the San Diego County Water Authority



Reliable water supply not such a pipe dream

plant (done)

loss (done)

Lining the All American

Canal to prevent water

Striking a deal with the

Imperial Irrigation Dis

trict to transfer water to

San Diego (done)

Expanding the use of

recycled water (done

and still doing more)

ground water sources

Increasing water con -

servation (done and still

It's taken 25 years to

complete these projects

(more than 50 in all) at a

cost of \$3.1 billion. Yes,

that's billion with a "b." We

have reduced our reliance

on imported water from the

Metropolitan Water District

in Los Angeles by more

than 50 percent. By 2020,

we should be only getting

around 38 percent of our

Despite the cost, this

regional investment will end

water from this source.

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General Manager

board of directors. Local businesses got on board too, thanks to organizations like the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce.

The plan, dubbed the "Water Supply Diversification Strategy," was ambi tious. It included

- Building the Olivenhain Dam (done)
- Raising the height of the San Vicente Dam (done)
- Connecting the dams so water can be moved around the county as needed in an emer gency (done)
- Building a regional water treatment plant (done)
- Building a desalination



December marked one year on from the official opening of The Claude "Bud" Lewis Desalination Plant in Carlsbad. The city just completed a project to nearly double the size of the facility.

up saving us money in the long run because we won't be at the mercy of rate increases coming down from L.A. and having a reliable water supply means our economy will continue to grow.

In addition to support ing this vast regional effort, Carlsbad has continued to be a leader in our own backyard. We were an early proponent of desalination, and today Carlsbad is home to the largest desalina tion plant in the Western Hemisphere. Carlsbad just completed a project to nearly double the size of our water recycling plant, and we were already among the largest users of recycled water in the region.

New "purple" pipes, the symbol of recycled water, have gone in at the Palo mar Airport Business Park along Camino Vida Roble; in Calavera Hills along Carlsbad Village Drive; El Camino Real south of Alga Road; and along Palmer Way and Impala Drive, near Faraday Avenue. The city also recently took advan tage of the construction along El Camino Real to install more "purple pipes." Even if your business doesn't have a recycled water connection nearby, vou still benefit from the overall increase in water supply for Carlsbad.

So, next time you turn on your tap, know that you are part of a city and region that recognizes how important a reliable water supply is to your business's success.

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