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CASTROVILLE
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JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Community Survey

We're asking residents to take 15 minutes to complete our Community Survey. Your feedback directly shapes city services, parks, roads, and more. Speak up

help guide where we go next! We know 15 minutes is a BIG ask—but it helps us make BIG decisions about YOUR neighborhood, YOUR utilities, YOUR services. Because Castroville cares, and YOUR voice matters!



<http://s.alchemer.com/s3/Community-Survey-Newsletter>

Public Works Pointer how to avoid water evaporation in your pool

Pool owners can play a big part in water conservation- starting with something as simple as using a pool cover. During hot, dry months, pools can lose thousands of gallons of water each season just from evaporation. By covering your pool when it's not in use - or even adding large floating toys and loungers - you create a barrier that helps keep that water from disappearing into the air.



Pool covers also have the added bonus of keeping your water cleaner and reducing the need for chemicals. It's a small step that makes a big difference, helping you save water, lower your utility bills, and support our community's efforts to conserve this precious resource. Every drop counts!

AN ANIMAL SAFE SUMMER guide

let it flow

No matter the species, animals should have access to unlimited cool, clean, fresh water to prevent dehydration and heat exhaustion.



happy paws

Surfaces like asphalt, concrete and sand can really heat up in the sun, which can burn paws. Consider taking a different route that is mostly grass.

a place to chill

Animals know when they are too hot and will try to find a place to cool down. Make sure they have a cool spot to turn too!



get in gear

Vehicles can heat up very quickly, creating dangerous conditions. It is best to leave your pets at home when you need to be out and about rather than in the car.

know their limit

Animals' age, breed, type of coat, and health history can all play a role in their ability to tolerate the heat. Keep an eye on them for signs of heat stress - like increased panting, drooling, or lethargy. If they are showing these signs, it is time to move them to a cool area immediately.



Let's get you connected!



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TO JOIN CASTROVILLE'S ALERT
SYSTEM (INFO)



Alsatian Apple Tart



Ingredients

- 1 standard 9-inch shortcrust pie pastry (about 8.8 oz)
- 6 medium apples (about 2.2 pounds)
- ½ cup + 2 tablespoons sugar
- ¾ cup heavy cream
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla sugar or 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions

1. Roll-out the pastry and put into a buttered and floured cake pan.
2. Peel then cut up apples into quarters. Place them in circles on the bottom of the pastry.
3. Whisk the eggs with both sugars and the cream then pour this custard onto the tart.
4. Put into the oven for 30 to 40 minutes at 350°F.



CASTROVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

New library hours:

Sunday CLOSED
Monday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Thursday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Teen Art

Every Tuesday and Thursday
From 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Must be ages 12 - 18 to participate.
Call to sign up today!

Adult Rock Painting

July 17th from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Must be ages 18+ to participate.
Call to sign up today!

Word Wranglers Writing Group

July 26th at 10:00 am
Call to sign up today!

Flower Book Craft

July 12th at 10:30 am
Must be ages 18+ to participate.
Call to sign up today!

Ramblin' Rita

Tall Tales told by a Talkative Texan!
August 1st at 10:00 am
All ages welcome, NO sign up necessary!

Adult Craft

August 9th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Family's Food Prep

Cooking demo by Wic and Snap
August 19th at 10:30 am
Call to sign up today!

Senior Trivia/Bingo and Exercise

August 27th from 10:00 am - 11:00 pm
Must be 55+ to participate
Call to sign up today!

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