

JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER



Our fifth annual Endangered Species Day Event with Buena Vista Audubon Society was a great success! Over 250 people learned about our local endangered species- and got to see and touch a few of them. Live birds of prey from the Raptor Institute were a new addition this year, the snakes and reptiles of Eco-vivarium are always a thrill, and the Native American Basket Weavers taught us how to turn reeds into things of beauty. Look for some of the milkweed seedlings, seed balls and nature journalists from this event sprouting up in your neighborhood.

Help Keep Coyotes Wild and Where They Belong



This coyote mom is moving her pups to a different den. She may do this 2 or 3 times in their first month. Litter size ranges from 4 to 9 pups, with only 5-20% likely to survive their first year. The parents tend to stay together for life and family bonds are strong.

Did you know? Biodiversity is richer when a resident coyote is present. They are an apex predator in our local ecosystems.

Coyotes are adaptable, resourceful and opportunistic. Although a carnivore, they will eat just about anything...fruits, vegetables, bugs and garbage. We often invite them into our neighborhoods unintentionally by leaving pet food outside, ripe fruits on the ground and accessible trash cans. Sadly, a real 'problem' coyote; one that is habituated to people, almost always was intentionally fed by someone who 'felt sorry' for the poor scrawny animal! Do

yourself, your pet AND coyote a favor by reinforcing their innate fear of humans by light hazing whenever seen in the neighborhood...yelling, loudly clapping your hands and squirting with a hose if handy. Help keep coyote wild and where he belongs.

Residents Speak Up for Their Community at May 11 Coastal Commission Meeting



Several Carlsbad residents stood up for Agua Hedionda Lagoon at a recent meeting of the California Coastal Commission. They were successful in getting the Commission to deny approval of the zoning changes requested by the city of Carlsbad for land along AH Lagoon and the power plant site along the coast. A community planning process should decide the best uses for these lands- and ensure that the priceless lagoon and coast are protected. We do not want to see another Caruso project that puts massive development on this sensitive site. Our hats off to the residents who spoke up for their community!

City of Carlsbad and Developer Ignore New Wildlife Study



Coexisting with our local wildlife will take some effort. This recently completed study of wildlife corridor pinchpoints in Carlsbad is an important step in the right direction. <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Planning/NCCP/Grant-Funded-Projects> (scroll down to SD county to find the report entitled "City of Carlsbad Wildlife Movement Analysis Final Report".) But we can't just do these studies and put them on the shelf. Both the city of Carlsbad and the developer of a 98 unit senior housing project along Cannon Rd east of El Camino Real did just that. We are hopeful that our effort to bring this to their attention will result in meaningful improvements. Our local wildlife depend upon us to be their voice. Read the study and learn about wildlife movement corridors near you.

Other News...

Last week the city of Oceanside awarded a consultant contract to update their General Plan-including preparing their first Climate Action Plan. Within the next year every city in north county should have an adopted CAP ! Solana Beach may be the first city in SD county to move forward with Community Choice Energy. Their approach is to explore having a private company manage this rather than a local JPA. But other cities are giving a serious look to JPA's also. Del Mar's assessment of the impacts of Sea Level Rise found they will have no beach by 2060-and likely much earlier. A similar Carlsbad study is underway and with new funds made available other coastal cities are likely to all get the same bad news.

And our big coup of the month: we caught the rider of the red motorcycle who has been tearing around the Calavera preserve. Hopefully we will now see him walking the trails and enjoying this wonderful area in a way we all can support.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 4 Sat 8:30 - 11:30 AM; National Trails Day Event at The Crossings/Veteran's Park in Carlsbad

Join us at this special City of Carlsbad event in recognition of National Trails Day. Enjoy one of the best trail views in north county, join guided hikes for children or adults, participate in an art poster event for kids - and play with us in our wildlife tracking box. This is a great chance to learn about the plants and wildlife of this area and get some healthy outdoor exercise. The art posters will later become signs to encourage people to stay on trails so we can help protect these special areas. Meet at the trailhead in the parking lot of the clubhouse at The Crossings Golf Course off Palomar Airport Rd. For more info see www.carlsbadca.gov/trails.

June 11 Sat 8 - 10 AM; Ponto Beach Cleanup

Join our friends at Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation for this special clean-up of Ponto Beach. Look for the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation canopy on the beach near the parking lot on Coast Highway north of LaCosta Avenue. They will provide gloves, bags and tally sheets. Learn about the dangers litter poses to marine life. No registration required and all are welcome. Bring your family and friends! This is also a great opportunity for those in need of service hours. For more info contact info@batiquitosfoundation.org.

June 15 Wednesday; 12th Annual BVAS Film Festival

6:30 p.m. Social—7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting; 7:15 p.m.—*Birders: The Central Park Effect*

Bring your family and friends and join us for this engaging film about nature and nature-lovers finding each other in the midst of our nation's iconic urban jungle: New York Central Park.

Birders: The Central Park Effect takes us through all the seasons, but showcases many of the

colorful warblers who take a break from their Atlantic Fly- way migration each April and May. Join the equally colorful New Yorkers whose lives are transformed by the wonder that birdwatchers worldwide know so well. Location: Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center, 2202 S. Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA. For more info, see <http://bvaudubon.org>

June 18 Sat 8:30 - 11 AM; Trail Clean-up at Village H

Join us for this work session to remove eucalyptus debris from our restoration site on Village H. Our 2 year grant project to restore this land has ended, but Preserve Calavera and our friends at CNLM have made a long term commitment to give this area some extra care and attention. Best to wear long- sleeved shirt and pants, and sturdy work shoes, hat and sun screen. Bring water, gloves and a rake if you have one. We will have extra water, gloves and tools also. Meet at the work site near the trailhead at Victoria and Carlsbad Village Dr. Parking on Victoria and nearby residential streets. Last time we loaded 33 bags of debris- let's see how much more those eucs have produced in a few months!

Upcoming Events

August 25 Sat
National Park Day special event

Our all-volunteer organization cannot do what we do without your help. Your time, talent and donation can make a difference right in your own backyard. Call or email us to see how else you could get involved.

To donate online: <http://preservecalavera.org>