

**Please Heed "Warning - Wildlife Crossing Area" Signs**



Our efforts to protect our local wildlife seem to take one step forward and then one backwards. It was heartbreaking last month to learn that a second deer had been struck and killed on Faraday in Carlsbad. Our regional arterial roads, often 120' wide with fast moving cars, are no match for even the most fleet-footed deer. But this area is right above a wildlife undercrossing. It took years to get the undercrossing included in the roadway extension design. Then it took more years to get the signs installed "Warning - wildlife crossing area." But studies show it takes a generation of wildlife using undercrossings before this becomes the preferred movement corridor. What we need is for the people who drive the road to pay attention to those warning signs. Our lives are enriched by the wonderful natural lands literally in our backyards. We can co-exist with our local wildlife who lived here before we came. But we need to be conscious of things like those warning signs - and give the deer time to learn how to safely coexist with us.

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**Annual Wildflower Hike At Calavera Preserve**

Another big Preserve Calavera thank you to James Dillane of CNPS for our annual wildflower hike of Calavera. We thought that this year's early bloom might mean we were too late to find many wildflowers. But James's eagle eye always finds some new treasures. See updated plant list here: [Preserve Calavera hike 4-2016 plant list](#)



## TED Talk on Climate Change: We Must Act Now

We can truly celebrate Earth Day this year as the day the United States signed on to the Paris Climate accord. The most recent TED talk on this issue gives us hope that we are not too late- but we must act now. No less than humanity's survival depends on our understanding of and acting upon, this profoundly important information. <https://go.ted.com/CZ3L>



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## SANDAG to Ask Voters for Sales Tax Increase

Yesterday SANDAG approved moving forward with a new 1/2 cent sales tax measure. They call it San Diego Forward. But a broad coalition of groups call it San Diego Backward. Listen to this 2 minute speech at 1:27:13 to hear why:

<http://www.sandag.org/index.asp?fuseaction=meetings.sc&mid=BOD042916>



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**May 21; Sat 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

### **Endangered Species Day/Open House**

This year's event is even bigger and better than last year! Free activities for all ages- from live raptors and reptiles to making Native American baskets, seed balls, and nature journals. Learn about our local plants and wildlife at risk of becoming extinct- and what we can do to stop that from happening. Join us and our friends at BVAS at the Buena Vista Nature Center at 2202 S.

Coast Hwy in Oceanside (on the shore of the Buena Vista Lagoon). Download flyer for more details and share with your friends and neighbors.

<http://bvaudubon.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Endangered-Species-Day-2016-flyer-FINAL.pdf>

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>