

OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Lake Calavera Used for Fire Fighting Once Again



Lake Calavera was once again used for fire-fighting in September. A series of suspected arson fires occurred in the Buena Vista Creek valley. Some homeless encampments were removed and perhaps some of the former residents weren't too happy about it. But the helicopter was dispatched, dipped water from Lake Calavera and was able to quickly douse the fires before they spread too far.

Help Keep Our Wild Animals Wild

Todd captured this great image of a coyote often found just east of Lake Calavera- who is way too accustomed to being around people. We need to always remember to help keep our wild animals wild. Coyotes seen in the day time, around people or pets should be hazed- loud noises, whistles, waving and make any encounter with people unpleasant.



City of Carlsbad Approves New General Plan and First Climate Action Plan; Drops Decades-Long Promise of 40% Open Space at Build Out

After over three years and way over Carlsbad adopted their new General Climate Action Plan on September than the old one? Yes. Is it as good been? No. We are thrilled that after the extension of Cannon Rd through at Calavera, once planned as a 120' swath of destruction, has now been eliminated from all plans. The core remain as it is, without the damage would have caused. But the goal for at buildout, promised since the 1986 Growth Management Plan, was completely dropped. There is no stated goal for any amount of open space. Current city projections are they will be about 500 acres short with about 38% open space. There will be substantially less open space than today- and thousands of more people, businesses and visitors. We believe preserving 40% open space, as promised, was a noble goal 30 years ago, and will be even more important as the city moves toward build out.



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Local Grass Roots Referendum Effort Collects 9,000 Signatures to Take Carlsbad Lagoon Mall Plans to a Vote of the People

The plans to build a huge shopping center on Agua Hedionda Lagoon appear to be going to a vote of the people of Carlsbad. Citizens for North County submitted over 9,000 signatures on their referendum. This was an all grass roots local effort that prevailed over a billionaire developer who did everything possible to prevent an election. Congratulations to the people of Carlsbad who will now have the right to vote on this major development on their lagoon!



October Activities

Our much anticipated **CALIFORNIA NATURALIST CERTIFICATION** program is starting in January. This is part of a statewide program through UC extension and is the first in the San Diego region. The 40 hour course combines a science curriculum with guest lecturers, field trips and project-based learning to explore the unique ecology and natural history of coastal north San Diego County. Class runs from Jan. 5 through March 8, 2016. Registration fee is \$250. A limited number of need-based scholarships are available. Registration is limited to the first 25 applicants. For full details and to register go to [Preserve Calavera: Registration for CA Naturalist Certification Course](#). Please help spread the word to others you think might be interested.

Oct 10 Sat; 8 AM - Noon

Learn How to Make Wildflower Seed Balls

Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve will host an informal wildflower seed ball making activity. Volunteer Anne Murphy will show interested visitors how to make these simple seed balls, which are a fun and effective way to plant California wildflowers in your garden, that will be ready to bloom come springtime. Free. No registration necessary, just come between 8 AM and noon. The preserve is located at 2437 Hutchison St. in Vista. More info: anstine@sandiegoaudubon.org.

Oct 10 Saturday; 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Trail Cleanup- Old Rancho Santa Fe Road Trail in Carlsbad

Bring gloves, sunscreen and wear closed-toed shoes to do some trail maintenance. Driving directions: East on La Costa Avenue to Rancho Santa Fe Road; make left on Cadencia Street. Parking available at Cadencia Park.

More info: [Trail Cleanup Event Flyer](#).

Oct 17 Saturday ; 9:00 AM (CNPS Members)

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

CNPS San Diego Annual Plant Sale

This year's plant sale will take place at the courtyard next to the Casa Del Prado and across from the west entrance of The Natural History Museum in Balboa Park. You may download the [plant sale flyer](#) and post around your neighborhood. This year's plant sale will again feature free native plant advice and of course the best selection of California native plants!

Oct 31 Sat; 8:45 AM to 2:00 PM

Carlsbad Trail Academy

This will be an informative discussion for trail volunteers on trail construction, sustainability and maintenance. There will be a field trip to Hosp Grove Park with a picnic lunch included. Meet at Carlsbad Senior Center, located at 799 Pine Street, Carlsbad.

RSVP by Oct 23. More info: [Trail Academy](#)

Upcoming Events:

Nov 14- Saturday

Rancho Carrillo trail work.

Dec 12- Saturday

Lake Calavera trail work

Our all-volunteer organization can not 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>