

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

The City of Carlsbad is sponsoring two critical public workshops- your chance to say what you want the City to be like at buildout and provide input on the update of the General Plan. The City staff and consultants seem to think the community just wants more dense development. We think people want to provide for planned growth where it makes sense, but that it is just as important to preserve the character of this very special city. To preserve the natural lands, lagoons and beaches that were an important part of why we chose to live here. To build more trails for hiking and biking so we can have healthy outdoor recreation and get around without having to get in a car. To save priceless areas like the sacred El Salto waterfall. To have a few quiet places to hear the sound of a creek and smell the sage and get back in touch with our world and ourselves.

Please review concept summaries , maps and other background information on the city website at <http://www.carlsbadca.gov/services/departments/community/envision-carlsbad/Pages/Documents.aspx>. Then come to a workshop with your thoughts about:

- which of three concepts is best- we think "Core Area" as it is most consistent with Smart growth, concentrates development where there are services and public transit, and reduces impacts on neighborhoods and open space
- best land use for the focus areas identified on the maps- focus on the ones near your home, work or places you enjoy- if you don't like what they suggested make your own commendation
- what open space land do you want to see preserved (any land now vacant under threat of development)
- where should parks be added to be close to existing or new neighborhoods
- where are new trails needed
- and please tell them how important it is to you, your children and future generations to keep Quarry Creek open space- to preserve the priceless natural, cultural and historic resources of this valley, to save the sacred waterfall as part of a public space where it can be seen and experienced as it has been for generations. In 2007 we all worked together to save half of this valley- now it is time to save the other half.

Workshops will be held :

When : 6-8 pm Tues Jan 31 or Thurs Feb 2

Where : Poinsettia Elem School Carlsbad Senior Center

2445 Mica Rd .

799 Pine Ave.

For more information call 760-724-3887.

Can't attend the workshop? You can still fill out the on-line survey to indicate your preferences at

Take a survey about land use

In other news, Diane Nygaard was recently a guest on the Oceanside public access station talking about the Melrose extension, saving Quarry Creek and Morro Hills. See the program here:

http://www.koct.org/KOCT_ondemand_journalistroundtable_PART01.html

February Activities

Feb 2 Thurs 6 - 8 PM

City of Carlsbad Public Workshop -Carlsbad Senior Center at 799 Pine Ave.

See above for details- if you missed the workshop on Tues here is your last chance to provide input on zoning /land use changes in the General Plan.

Feb 4.11, and 18 Sat

Workshop on Water Saving Native Plant Gardens

This special three day workshop sponsored by Anstine Audubon Reserve in Vista is free if you volunteer 20 hours to the reserve. Learn how to create beautiful watersaving gardens in your own back yard. Includes lectures, field trip and hands-on work. To RSVP or for questions contact Reserve Manager Becky Wilbanks at 760-295-1548 or beckywilbanks@cox.net.

Feb 15 Wed 6 - 8 PM

Special Lecture on Oceans and Climate Change

The League of Women Voters is sponsoring this presentation by Dr. Nigella Hillgarth , Executive Director of Birch Aquarium. Dr. Hillgarth will discuss recent Scripps Institution of Oceanography research on climate change, ocean pollution, and other current and important ocean-related work now being carried out at SIO. Event is being held at the Encinitas Public Library, Community Room at 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas.

Feb 25 Sat 5- 9 PM

The BVAS Nature Center Gala and Birdhouse Auction

The Buena Vista Audubon Society will host a special gala evening featuring a gourmet taco bar, assorted drinks, and live music. The featured attraction of the evening will be a fun auction led by Martha Barnette, co-host of the popular NPR radio program "A Way With Words". The special "A Way With

Birds" auction includes unique birdhouses and feeders made by local artists and other BVAS supporters. Event includes a hosted bar for wine and beer. All proceeds will go to support the Nature Center and BVAS programs. The Nature Center is located at 2202 S. Coast Highway in Oceanside (right next to Buena Vista Lagoon).

Feb 28 Tues 5:30 PM

Vista City Council Hearing- Adoption of New General Plan

This proposed update to the city's General Plan is the first one in North County to really try to achieve some balance between protecting our priceless remaining natural resources and providing for necessary development in a way that preserves community character. We are particularly pleased with new policies that focus on preserving Buena Vista Creek , protecting the watershed, and eliminating the connection of Cannon Rd from S. Melrose to # 78. Other roads will be enhanced- but this one which is excessively expensive, and excessively damaging will be eliminated. We will be supporting this General Plan update and hope the other north county cities follow Vista's lead.

Future Events :

April 21 - Mt Calavera native plant hike with James Dillane

Our all-volunteer organization can't do what we do without your help. Your time, talent and donations can make a difference- right here in your own backyard. Donations can be made through our website at <http://www.preservecalavera.org/donate.html> or by mailing a check.

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