

SEPTEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

Thanks to Karen for organizing a community education event on how to co-exist with our local coyotes. This is one of several wildlife appreciation programs we provide throughout north county.

Summer is now officially over and it is time to get to work preserving the priceless natural lands of north county. Our priority focus right now remains the Buena Vista Creek Valley. Through all of your efforts these last few years we have saved the sacred El Salto Waterfall- but what will surround it? McMillin proposes 656 homes on the eastern half of the valley. Hundreds of homes around the water fall and along the entire site. Hiking along the creek or sitting on the porch of the historic Marron Adobe we could be assailed by hundreds of homes. Hundreds of homes covering the land that Native Americans have lived on going back 9,000 years. Hundreds of homes in this valley designated one of the most threatened historic areas in all of San Diego County. Hundreds of homes along Buena Vista Creek, next to our reserve and in the wildlife movement corridor. Hundreds of homes adding more traffic congestion, air pollution, noise and disruption to existing streets and neighborhoods.

This area was listed as the number one site to preserve on the city of Carlsbad's Open Space report. Five people will decide what happens in this valley- the Mayor and City Council of Carlsbad. Help us convince them the residents of north county want to see this area preserved. What can you do : 1. Call or email Mayor and Council at 760-434-2830 or council@carlsbadca.gov. 2. Attend the City Council hearing at 6 pm on Tues Sept 11 (see details below). 3. Reply to this email to get a group of folks to join us for a tour of the valley and to get involved.

With your help we can do it!

Also Friends of Village H needs use of a garage to stage a community garage sale to help preserve that area. Let us know if you can help.

September Activities

Sept 11 Tues 6 PM

Carlsbad City Council Hearing on Envision Carlsbad Plan- Keep Open Space at Quarry Creek

This will be the final approval of the land use plan for the city of Carlsbad at build out. The Envision Plan makes recommendations for every other focus area- except Quarry Creek. For Quarry Creek they are deferring this decision and instead of making a recommendation to preserve more of the site- will just defer this decision to development. (And this developer has proposed 656 homes on land now zoned for 293). The Envision Carlsbad Citizen's Committee recommended preserving more open space on this site by moving development to the east and preserving the panhandle. The Planning Commission ignored this recommendation- but what will the City Council do? Please tell them this area is worth preserving and they should go on record **now** saying they support more open space. We think there is a compromise possible that will allow the city to meet the requirements of their housing plan, preserve

the panhandle part of the site- and still give the developer a reasonable return on their investment. Ask the Mayor and Council to put their residents before developers and come up with a compromise that works for everyone- tell them to make preserving the panhandle a priority.

Sept 15 Sat 9 AM – 12 Noon

28th Annual Coastal Clean-up Day

This is a great day for everyone to come out and remove the trash from our local watersheds that continues to add to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch- an area of trash the size of Texas. Join us and the city of Oceanside at our sponsored site behind Kohl's/Albertson's in the Quarry Creek shopping Center (near College and # 78 in Oceanside). Please wear closed toe shoes with good tread, a hat and bring water, work gloves and a 5 gallon plastic bucket. (By bringing our own supplies we reduce the amount of trash that will end up in the landfill.) Volunteers will receive community service credits, refreshments and one free gift. Pre-register at www.cleanupday.org. For more info contact 760-435-5536.

Sept 19 Wed 7 – 9 PM

Bi-monthly Board meeting. All members welcome but must RSVP to this email or call 760-724-3887 for location and gate code.

Sept 29 Sat 8:30 – 11:30 AM

National Public Lands Day Clean-up/Restoration at Lake Calavera

This is a great day to celebrate our wonderful natural lands- and invest a little sweat equity by helping to maintain them. This local event is sponsored by the City of Carlsbad and will help clean-up and restore lands along some of the most popular trails in coastal north county. Where else can you see a lake and an extinct volcano right here in our own backyard? Wear closed toe shoes, long pants and sunscreen. Bring water and a 5 gal plastic bucket and help reduce the amount of trash we add to the landfills. Volunteers will receive community service credit and refreshments. Tools will be provided and there will be projects for all ages and physical abilities.

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. Call or email us to see how else you could get involved.

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