

## MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER



Is this your neighborhood park?

“Our open space is our quality of life.”

That is one of the compelling conclusions of the San Diego Foundation’s Parks for Everyone study about parks and open space. That concept will be sorely tested with the new Draft General Plan issued by the city of Carlsbad. Almost 23,000 new residents, a 37% increase in commercial, industrial/office space, a 65 % increase in the number of hotel rooms- and not one more acre of parkland. In fact, for many neighborhoods the image of a locked, gated school yard is all they will have for a park. Open space does not increase- it shrinks. More and more residents and visitors using the same amount of parks and less open space. How will that work? How will that improve the quality of life? How will that carry out the vision of the community? A vision that values preserving open space, a healthy active outdoor lifestyle, and increased walking and bicycling.

If you live in Carlsbad and care about parks and open space come to one of our community meetings- **6 pm on Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> at Dove Library or Wed May 7<sup>th</sup> at Calavera Hills Community Center.**

The deadline for comments on this plan is **May 19<sup>th</sup>**. This is the plan for build-out of the city to 2035.

Let’s make sure the future Carlsbad fulfills the vision of its residents.

Our thanks to James Dillane for not one, not two, but three wildflower hikes in April ! He tells us visiting our native plants is like going to a party- first time you only know one or two, but keep coming and pretty soon you will know them all.

We were completely surprised to see our new interpretive sign about wetlands installed along the new Boardwalk trail at Calavera. Take a hike on the new Boardwalk and for the first time enjoy this part of the trail without getting your feet wet!



## **May Activities**

**May 5 Mon 6:00 – 7:30 PM**

### **Community Meeting on Carlsbad General Plan- Dove Library**

Come and learn the details about what is included in the new General Plan, what is required for parks and open space, and what is not being delivered with this new plan. This meeting will focus on the SE and SW quadrants- but all are welcome. **Together we can fix the General Plan !**

**May 7 Wed 6:00 – 7:30 PM**

### **Community Meeting on Carlsbad General Plan- Calavera Hills Community Center**

Come and learn the details about what is included in the new General Plan, what is required for parks and open space, and what is not being delivered with this new plan. This meeting will focus on the NE quadrant- but all are welcome. Together we can fix the General Plan ! Check out the new community garden while you are there.

**May 14 Wed 6 PM**

### **Bi-Monthly Preserve Calavera Board Meeting**

Meetings are open to all members but RSVP required for location and gate code.

**May 17 Sat 10 AM – 3 PM**

**Open House Celebrating Endangered Species Day**

Join us and Buena Vista Audubon Society as we celebrate the wonderful diversity of plants and wildlife that we share this part of the world with. New this year- live animals including snakes, and lizards and turtles, oh my! Visit them at the Eco-Vivarium booth. The Clapper Rail Theater will be featuring a slide show of the Student Poster Art Contest - 160 posters made by students of Carlsbad. Local winners will be announced. Family friendly activities will fill the day with stories, nature crafts, animal tracking and the always popular Nature Treasure Hunt- all with a focus on some of our special native plants and wildlife. Everyone will also want to see the “Lagoon Discovery Dip”: an up close view of lagoon critters. And don't miss the native plant gardens that are in bloom. This free event with something for everyone is at the Buena Vista Nature Center- at 2202 S. Coast Hwy in Oceanside (right next to Buena Vista Lagoon). Download flier here and share with your friends and family: <http://preservecalavera.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/2014-Flyer-ES-Day.pdf>

**Future Events**

June – Date still TBD – Planning Commission hearing on General Plan

June 3 – Tues 6 pm- CB Citizen's Budget workshop – will this budget include funds for your park ?

June 7 – Sat National Trail Day event at Lake Calavera

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

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