



Rose Creek Chatter Winter 2018



~ An occasional newsletter from the Friends of Rose Creek ~

Connecting Our Communities

Creek to Bay Cleanup Happens Saturday April 21

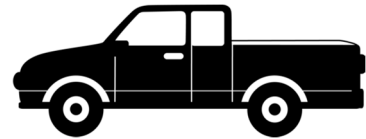
The Friends of Rose Creek will be participating in I Love A Clean San Diego's Creek to Bay Cleanup on Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 a.m. until noon along Rose Creek in Pacific Beach. Meet at Mission Bay High School, located at 2475 Grand Avenue, San Diego, CA 92109. SD Transit bus #30 stops in front of the school--a quick ride from the Old Town Transit Center or the beach.



At 11:45 a.m., we will have ice cream provide by Campland-on-the-Bay and a raffle with some earth cooling prizes. Please bring work gloves, buckets, and wagons to move the trash from where you find it to the dumpster. Hauling distances vary but can be up to 3/4 of a mile along the bike path. Bring your reusable water bottles to fill up; we will provide the snacks. Kids can participate in the *Bling Your Bucket* contest. Decorate those buckets, wheelbarrows, and wagons before you come. Reusable is the message we are trying to promote. Try to minimize the use of trash bags. We are here to get rid of trash – not create more of it. Wear long pants and sturdy closed-toe shoes.



We need folks with pickup trucks to help bring trash from various locations back to the dumpsters at the high school. If you are able to help out, please email info@saverosecreek.org or call 858.405.7503. We also need raffle prizes for our hardworking volunteers. We will pick up your gift cards, unworn clothing, or new books of interest to creek, bird, and/or native plant lovers. Call 858.405.7503 or info@saverosecreek.org to donate.



For information on other **Creek to Bay Cleanup** sites across San Diego County, visit www.creektobay.org and sign up for a site near you.

On Trash and Trash Cans

The Rose Creek Bike Path in Pacific Beach is a popular destination for bike riders, dog walkers, joggers, bird watchers, and/or sunset watchers. With all this traffic, where does the trash go?

Currently a volunteer with the Friends of Rose Creek is hanging trash bags out for use by the public and emptying the trash bags wherever she can find a place.

Unlike Mission Bay Park and the beaches in our community, the City of San Diego does not provide trashcans nor trash service to the creek despite servicing homes in the area.

The Friends of Rose Creek has asked the City of San Diego multiple times for trashcans along Rose Creek. While the City has offered to purchase trash cans in years gone by, they always insisted that our all-volunteer, zero funded grass-roots community group be

responsible for emptying trash cans - a responsibility we have declined to take on permanently.

In the meantime, some dog walkers neglect to pick up their dog poop and carry it three blocks to their home. Trash from those who "hang out" at the creek piles up and high school students throw their trash in the creek. What lands up in Rose Creek, ends up in Mission Bay and the water in which we all recreate.

Because the City already provides trash pickup to the homes along the eastern edge of Rose Creek, we do not understand why the City cannot place trashcans at the cul-de-sac's on Hornblend,



Magnolia, and Figueroa Streets and provide weekly trash pickup when they pick up trash from the adjacent homes. If you have ideas on how to make this happen, we want your recommendations and ideas. Come to our monthly meeting at the Pacific Beach Rec Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month or email your ideas to info@saverosecreek.org and let's talk solutions.

Your actions can protect or harm Rose Creek and Mission Bay. For more tips on protecting these critical waterways, visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/thinkblue>.

Rose Creek Bikeway

The Rose Creek Bikeway is under construction. The Bikeway is a SANDAG project to create improved linkages from the Rose Canyon Bike Trail at the north end of Santa Fe Street (near Karl Strauss Brewery) and the Rose Creek Bike Path at Mission Bay Drive.

Construction activities are on-going as part of the Construction Manager/General Contractor agreement between SANDAG and Mid-Coast Transit Constructors to build the Rose Creek Bikeway in conjunction with the Mid-Coast Trolley project.

While the project will have some negative impacts to Rose Creek in the short term, the Friends of Rose Creek is thrilled that stretches of the creek will be opened up to bicyclists, pedestrians and bird watchers for generations.

The Friends of Rose Creek is a community group focused on lower Rose Creek from Marian Bear Natural Park (just south of Hwy 52) to Mission Bay Park.

Our vision is for lower Rose Creek to be an open space park providing recreational and learning opportunities and a clean, healthy, aesthetically pleasing environment for residents, visitors, businesses, native plants and animals, while serving as an accessible link for bicyclists and pedestrians to move between Rose Canyon Park, Marian Bear Park, Mission Bay Park, and surrounding communities.

On Climate Change

Our Earth is warming. Earth's average temperature has risen by 1.5°F over the past century, and is projected to rise another 0.5 to 8.6°F over the next hundred years. Small changes in the average temperature of the planet can translate to large and potentially dangerous shifts in climate and weather.

Climate change affects every part of life on earth including Rose Creek. While the City of San Diego's newly adopted Climate Action Plan outlines changes humans can make in the more engineered portions of the landscapes we call home (housing, transportation, landfill diversion, etc.), the **ReWild Mission Bay** Project is also looking at how restoring wetlands can help sequester carbon, protect the human engineered environment from high flow storm events and high tides caused by climate change, and enhance biodiversity. For more info, visit www.rewildmissionbay.org.

Wetlands are nature's super heroes. The benefits of restored wetlands include natural water quality improvement, flood protection, shoreline erosion control, opportunities for recreation, and natural products for our use at no cost. Protecting wetlands can protect human safety and welfare.

Habitat restoration can sequester carbon, an important factor in reducing the concentration of greenhouse gas emissions and slowing the rate of global warming. The California Coastal Conservancy has outlined a number of strategies to help moderate the impacts of climate change including protecting and enhancing riparian areas, management of invasive species, and protection of areas adjacent to shoreline habitats.

Climate change is a huge and overwhelming issue facing our future and many people do not know where to start. **The answer is saving Rose Creek –** your local solution to acting locally and thinking globally.



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