



Rose Creek Chatter Winter 2019



~ An occasional newsletter from the Friends of Rose Creek ~
Connecting Our Communities

Creek to Bay Cleanup Happens Saturday April 27

The Friends of Rose Creek will be participating in I Love A Clean San Diego's Creek to Bay Cleanup on Saturday, April 27 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 after April 1, 2019.

Creating Lower Rose Creek Park

The Goal:

Lower Rose Creek from the southern end of Marian Bear Natural Park to Mission Bay Park should be dedicated parkland and serve as a wildlife corridor while providing a safe and accessible link for bicyclists and pedestrians to move between Rose Canyon Open Space Park, Marian Bear Natural Park, Mission Bay Park, and the surrounding communities of Pacific Beach, Clairemont/Bay Ho/Morena, and University City.

The ask:

Dedicate as open space parks, all City owned land along lower Rose Creek. Enter into memorandums of understanding with other property owners to include one unified management agency. The preference is for the City of San Diego's Park and Rec Open Space Division, but any one managing agency would suffice provided they have a focus on recreation and habitat restoration.

Why Parkland Dedication Matters:

The ability to obtain grants for habitat restoration, pedestrian/bicyclist improvements, and such basics as trash cans with regular pickup are dependent on the granting agencies having confidence that the land will be part of an open space park system for generations to come. Funding habitat restoration only to have the habitat destroyed in a decade by a development project is pouring money down the drain.

To support this effort, please sign The Friends of Rose Creek petition. Visit www.SaveRoseCreek.org and click on "Petition" on the top menu bar or in the blue box on our home page.



World Wetlands Day

2 February 2019



Wetlands and climate change

Learn how wetlands protect the human built environment from climate change at <https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/> Join us for Love Your Wetlands Day @ Kendall-Frost Marsh on February 2 as we participate locally.

Rose Creek Bikeway

The Rose Creek Bikeway is currently under construction with a scheduled completion timeframe of Spring 2020. Part of the Coastal Rail Trail, the Bikeway is being designed as a Class I bike path (completely separated from vehicle traffic) that connects existing sections of the Rose Canyon and Rose Creek bike paths in the City of San Diego.

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. While the northern part of the bikeway will be a two-lane cycle track along Santa Fe Street, at the 5900 block of Santa Fe Street, the Bikeway will veer off and follow Rose Creek into Pacific Beach. The best part is that the Bikeway will travel under Mission Bay Drive at Damon Street and under Interstate 5. Bicycle commuters: no more lengthy waits at Mission Bay Drive for the light to change.

For more information, visit <https://www.keepsandiegomoving.com>.

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Visit us on-line at www.SaveRoseCreek.org

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 1.5°F 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 Climate Action Plan outlines changes humans can make in the more engineered portions of the landscapes, we call home (housing, transportation, landfill diversion, etc.), **ReWild Mission Bay** 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.

