

Trail Volunteers Special

This issue of Happy Trails is dedicated to our generous, hard-working, trail blazing volunteers. Trail volunteers are critical in maintaining and preserving our citywide trail system and for the last decade, a strong trail volunteer community has worked side by side with staff on the monitoring and maintenance of the city's vast trail system. Volunteers have continuously showed how much they value our city's open space and passion for this community!

The Trails Volunteer Program teaches community members to build and maintain city trails. Most of our citywide trail cleanup events are held on Saturday mornings and our volunteers show up early with smiles, positive attitudes and grit to finish the tasks at hand. From grading trail surfaces, trimming vegetation and building fences, they always impress with their willingness to work hard alongside city staff. In addition, they serve to help protect our environment by performing erosion control, picking up litter and participating in planting events.

The distinguished Trail Captain's team is comprised of 25 individuals who, in addition to volunteering at monthly cleanup events, are also stewards of a designated city trail. They inspect their assigned trail at least monthly, update kiosks, provide regular updates and report urgent matters to city staff. They are a crucial part of the trails and represent our Carlsbad community so well.

Meet our dedicated Trail Captains on the following pages. You may recognize them out in the community and out on the trails. If you do, please take a moment and thank them for their selfless service and for keeping our trails and open spaces pristine!

With much gratitude and appreciation,

Carly Davis, Michael Tully and Kasia Trojanowska





**Craig Kirk,
Harbor Drive**

"Buen Camino"



**Sally and Will Willis,
Rancho Carrillo West**

"Take a hike...it's good for the body and the soul"



**Ramesh Sirsi,
East Rancho Carrillo**

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world" - Mahatma Gandhi



**Tricia and Ed Cerda,
La Costa Glen**

"Take only pictures, leave only footprints. Happy Holidays to all the Carlsbad trail volunteers. Hope to see you in 2021. Until then, stay safe and enjoy the Carlsbad trails."



**Tia Lanzetta,
Hidden Valley Trail**

Trees! By Marguerite Harmon Bro
"Our father, we thank thee for trees! We thank thee for the trees of our childhood in whose shade we played and read and dreamed; for the trees of our schooldays, the trees along the paths where friendship walked. We thank thee for special trees which will always stand large in our memory because for some reason of our own they become our trees. We thank thee for the great stretches of tress which make the forests. May we always stand humbly before thy trees and draw strength from them as they, in their turn, draw sustenance from thy bounties of earth and sun and air."



**Sue Irey, Carlsbad Oaks
North Business Park**

"Walkers love this wide, flat trail to a beautiful stream. Bikers love the challenge of the up and downhill section of this trail. Voted best Carlsbad trail for dogs with its fascinating scents left by the abundant wildlife. I love the stream crossing with the majestic live oaks that shaded Native Americans years before we sat under their boughs."



**Tim Campbell,
Village H North/Hidden
Canyon Park**

"Trail volunteers share a special bond. We are not volunteering our time for money or trophies. Our motivation is to spend time working together on Carlsbad's trails as we enhance our trail system for all to enjoy."



**Don Stapp,
Ridegline/La Costa Trail**

"Take a break from the phones, laptops, and TV. Unplug and enjoy a well managed preserve! Great for all generations, especially grandkids! Thank you carlsbad parks & recreation and the center for natural land management. Stay safe and help keep it a beautiful model of nature and our city."



**Yovanni Maldonado,
Coastal Rail Trail**

"Peace means respect for the rights of others. It was Benito Juarez whom said it, but I must admit, it has a catchier tone in Spanish. El respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz."



**John Rodenhausen,
Hosp Grove**

"Life seems so short but celebrating 52 years together and happier than ever, makes what each day brings you better. Spend time with those that mean the most to you especially your significant other."



**Shane Hohnstein, The
Crossings/Veterans Park**

"Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul."
John Muir



**George Cornell,
Robertson Ranch**

"Many ponder the meaning of life and why we're here. The short answer is to be happy in who you are, who you surround yourself with and what brings you satisfaction. All else in life is simply window dressing."



Jerry Rea and Wanda Stiles, Village H South

We are 12-year veteran volunteers for Carlsbad Trails. We currently serve as Trail Captains of the Village-H South Trail. Our three guiding principles during our time of service are:

1. Our mission is to keep the environment safe, clean, healthy, and beautiful.
2. We cannot change other people's behavior, try as we might!
We can only lead by example.
3. We are being paid far too much for this job!



Gary Nessim, Hosp Grove

"There's an old saying "if you see something, say something" and perhaps that's all you need to feel to be a trail captain. Walk your trail, get some exercise and report the condition to staff so they or our subcontractors can make repairs or improvements. Perhaps it should be "if you see something, do something" and you can help keep our trails and open space in the best shape possible for all to use. You get even more exercise walking and cleaning a trail and residents say "thank you" and smile under their masks. Appreciate the opportunity to work on Hosp Grove for several years, regrading and reporting downed trees. Many of our trails need

volunteer trail captains as resources are spread thinner than usual and residents desire more and more places to get away without having to actually go away."



Featured Photo

The Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*) loves the dense growth of riparian woodlands, marshy ponds and even our own backyards! It's common year-round, but numbers do increase this time of year when winter migrants arrive. The males are the most colorful and sport the recognizable black facemask.

Trail Captains *(not pictured on inside spread)*

- Batiquitos Lagoon Trail** – Neal Works
- El Fuerte/Bressi Ranch Trail** – Patricia Linton
- La Costa Southern Preserve** – April Frieda
- La Costa Valley** – Debbie Phipps
- Lake Calavera** – Diane Nygaard and Paige DeCino
- Melrose 55** – Fioli Circle/ East Ridgeline – Slader Buck
- Old Rancho Santa Fe Road** – Richard L'Heureux
- The Ranch/Santa Fe Trail** – Alvaro Villamizar

Are you someone who enjoys being out in the open space, giving back to your community and doesn't mind getting your hands dirty? Trail volunteering is a great way to have fun, keep fit and learn about our natural environment, all while making a lasting contribution that benefits the community for generations. If you are interested in becoming a trail volunteer in the future, please call 760-434-4725.

Citywide Trails Program Mission Statement

"Provide a trails system that ensures the recreational and leisure needs of Carlsbad residents while supporting the protection and preservation of open space in accordance with the City of Carlsbad General Plan."



760-434-2826
www.carlsbadca.gov/trails