



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Earth Day Events

#### Great American Litter Pickup

- Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>
- 8:30am-11:30pm
- Meet at Spartan Keyes Neighborhood Action Center

#### Sustainability Fair

- Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>
- 1:00pm-4:00pm
- Community garden in the Coyote Creek Outdoor Classroom on E. William St. and Brookwood Ave.

### Neighborhood Cleanups

#### Friends of Five Wounds Cleanup

- Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>
- 9:00am-12:00pm
- Meet William St. parking lot behind Selma Olinder Elementary

#### National River Cleanup Day

- Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>
- 9:00am-12:00pm
- Coyote Creek at Selma Olinder Park or Rock Springs Park

### Nature's Beauty of the Month: Fleshy Lupine



Click above to see more pictures on the CCHC [Flickr](#) page!

**Thank you for helping to keep Coyote Creek a clean and trash-free community asset!**

Coyote Creek now has 11.56 fewer cubic yards of trash thanks to 185 volunteer hours worked by 73 community members.



*Volunteers at the Rock Springs Park Cleanup in February*

**Clean Creeks Healthy Communities, Downtown Streets Team, and Save Our Shores Cleanup**



*Save Our Shores. CCHC. and volunteers*

Clean Creeks, Healthy Communities (CCHC) partnered with Downtown Streets Team (DST) and Save Our Shores (SOS) for a cleanup at Selma Olinder Park in February. 18 volunteers participated to remove 6.95 cubic yards of trash from Coyote Creek and the surrounding area. Great Job! Thank you for your help!



*Downtown Streets Teams volunteers*

The CCHC, DST, and SOS cleanup was featured in an article in the San Jose Mercury News. To see the article that is posted on the San Jose Mercury News website, [click here.](#)

## Being a Good Neighbor Goes Mobile

Help Clean Creeks, Healthy Communities report illegal dumping, litter, and graffiti and monitor the creek with your mobile device.

The **San Jose Clean App** is now available for smartphone users. Notify the City of San Jose's Anti-Graffiti and Litter Program about illegally dumped items, motor oil, or graffiti straight from your phone. Or send an email to [antigrffiti@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:antigrffiti@sanjoseca.gov) to request graffiti removal or call (866) 249-0543.



You can also record trash conditions along Coyote Creek in 3 easy steps with the **Creek Watch App**. Simply take a photo of the creek and upload it on Creek Watch.

After uploading a photo:

- 1) Choose water level (dry, some, full)
- 2) Select flow rate (still, slow, fast)
- 3) Mark trash level (none, some, a lot)

To download Creek Watch, [click here](#).

## National River Cleanup Day is One Morning with a Big Impact

Every year, on the third Saturday in May, volunteers spend a morning picking up trash from our local creeks for National River Cleanup Day. Last year, volunteers collected over 18,000 pounds of trash and 1,400 pounds of recyclables (which is about the weight of five cars!) from waterways throughout the County. Volunteers with Clean Creeks, Healthy Communities removed 1,280 pounds of trash from their site on Coyote Creek.



## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### ★NEW★ CCHC Website

Click on link above for info on CCHC events and projects

### Anti-Graffiti & Anti-Litter Program (408) 975-7233

Get free anti-graffiti tool kit and litter pick-up supplies

### Homeless Outreach and Engagement

(408) 510-7600

Report homeless encampment sightings

### Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste Program

(408) 299-7300

Get rid of your Household Hazardous Waste for free  
[www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org)

### City of San Jose Dept. of Transportation

(408) 277-4373

Report large debris and illegal dumping on public streets

### San Jose Animal Care

(408) 794-7297

Report dead animals in the street and other animal concerns

### Green Mouse

529 Race Street

San Jose, CA

(408) 464-9999

Drop off e-waste (computer monitors, TVs, etc)

Need resources not listed here?  
Call CCHC at (408) 771-7069

This year Clean Creeks, Healthy Communities will be hosting a National River Cleanup Day site on Coyote Creek at Rock Springs Park. The cleanup is a great way to meet your neighbors while helping improve the community. Volunteers make a huge contribution towards protecting water quality, wildlife, and their open spaces. Join us!

## Dedicated Volunteers from McKinley-Bonita Keep Their Walkway Clean



*Volunteers from McKinley-Bonita take pride in maintaining their El Caminito walkway*

### CLEAN CREEKS HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROJECT IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS SINCE JUNE 2011

#### Neighborhood volunteers

- 732 volunteers
- 2,016 hours
- 72 yd<sup>3</sup> removed in Feb. and Mar. 2013

#### Downtown Streets Team volunteers

- 2,939.77 yd<sup>3</sup> of trash removed thru Feb. 2013
- 27 homeless housed
- 25 team members

#### CCHC workers

- 11.0 yd<sup>3</sup> of trash removed in Feb. 2013
- 12.62 yd<sup>3</sup> of trash removed in Mar. 2013
- 20 counts of illegal dumping recorded

## Clean Creeks, Healthy Communities

is a four-year grant-funded program dedicated to restoring the natural beauty of Coyote Creek through reducing trash pollution and improving water quality. CCHC will address the sources of trash pollution by collaborating with the homeless, deterring illegal dumping, and engaging neighbors as stewards of the creek. We are always encouraging people to get out and explore their creek.

## Partners and Funders



Destination: Home  
*Housing Our Community*

**Thank You!**