

Thank you for participating in community efforts to keep Coyote Creek clean!



Volunteers from the Friends of Five Wounds Trail Cleanup pose for a group photo

Friends of Five Wounds Trails Cleanup

Friends of Five Wounds Trail volunteers picked up 4.9 cubic yards of trash from the existing and future Five Wounds Trail. *Join Friends of Five Wounds Trail, Save Our Trails and CCHC for a cleanup of the future trail segment along Coyote Creek on August 3rd.* Email CCHC at CCHC@sanjoseca.gov for more information or to sign up! Learn more about the proposed trails Five Wounds and Coyote Creek trails at the San Jose Trails webpage.

Want to Organize Your Own NeighborWalk Cleanup?



Volunteers from the last NeighborWalk clean near HWY 280

Take a stroll with your neighbors around your block and keep your community safe, clean, and healthy. Start a NeighborWalk!

How do you put together a NeighborWalk? Talk with your neighbors and select once a week or month to pick up any trash you can, report any trash too big, and call in any light outages or graffiti.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friends of Five Wounds and Save Our Trails Cleanup

- Saturday, August 3rd
- 9:00am-12:00pm
- Meet at Olinder Dog Park

Rock Springs Neighborhood Cleanup

- Saturday, June 21st
- Saturday, July 20th
- 9:00am-12:00pm
- Meet at Rock Springs Park

McKinley/Bonita Neighborhood Cleanup

- Friday, July 12th
- 4:00pm-5:30pm
- Email Ramona and Dario at monieglerma@gmail.com or CCHC at CCHC@sanjose.gov to find out where to meet!

SAVE THE DATE

California Coastal Cleanup Day

- Saturday, September 21st
- 9:00am-12:00pm

Nature's Beauty of the Month: Sunflower!



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

NeighborWalks have started in the **Spartan Keyes** and **Rock Springs** neighborhoods. Contact Clean Creeks, Healthy Communities at CCHC@sanjoseca.gov for help organizing a NeighborWalk, or to connect with one happening in your neighborhood. Or call the San José Anti Graffiti /Anti Litter Program at (408) 975-7233 for supplies to begin your own NeighborWalk in your community!

Meet the Park Rangers of Kelley Park

Pam Helmke and Jane Lawson are two experienced park rangers who monitor areas along and near Coyote Creek. Pam has been a ranger for 28 years, while Jane has been one for 22 years. Their duties as park rangers have many impacts and implications to water quality and safety of Coyote Creek as well as the surrounding neighborhoods. They assist community members with a number of safety concerns and work closely with the public within San Jose Parks and as a part of training and research programs. Pam and Jane shared with us details of their experiences as rangers patrolling parks and waterways.

What is the activity level like at the parks you monitor?

We are currently assigned with one other ranger to the Kelley Park Complex and Homeless Encampment Patrols along the Guadalupe River Park. Working closely with the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the Department of Fish and Wildlife rangers patrol the stream banks to discourage the unlawful dumping of trash and other activities associated with the encampments that threaten our wildlife habitat and pollute our waters. Both assignments are in parks with very high visitation offering us lots of opportunities to interact and assist the visiting public.

In addition, the Kelley Park rangers are responsible for the operation of the water treatment system for the Japanese Friendship Garden's koi collection, monitoring water quality and care of the koi and aquatic plants. We are also starting up a new docent program for guided tours of the Japanese Friendship Garden. We are doing historical research, training the new docents and writing the program operations and docent information manuals. We work with interns from the West Valley College Park Management Program to help us do the research and develop the programming. Along with assisting visitors, responding to fires and medical emergencies, and managing traffic in our parking areas we keep very busy.

What wildlife have you encountered in the parks?

Many people are surprised to learn about the diversity of wildlife found in San Jose's parks. Here in Kelley Park we frequently see Grey Fox, Raccoons, Opossum, Red-tailed Hawks, Red-Shoulder Hawks, Great Horned Owls and many other types of water fowl and song birds. On occasion we also find more unusual or shy animals such as Bobcat, Osprey, or Wild Turkey. Salmon and Steelhead Trout inhabit the Guadalupe River and 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

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

To read the whole article, look for the upcoming blog entry on the Clean Creeks, Healthy Communities blog website:
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/Blog.aspx?CID=2!>

Volunteers from the Great American Litter Pickup Keep Their Neighborhood Clean



Community members at the Great American Litter Pickup

This year Clean Creeks, Healthy Communities hosted a Great American Litter Pickup around the Spartan-Keys neighborhood along Keys Street. Volunteers cleared 1.24 cubic yards of trash from sidewalks near Spartan Keys Neighborhood Action Center.

Great job keeping the community clean!

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

Neighborhood volunteers

- 810 volunteers
- 2,194 hours
- 226.8 yd³ of trash removed

Downtown Streets Team volunteers

- 3,799.2 yd³ of trash removed thru May 2013
- 34 homeless housed
- 25 team members

CCHC workers

- 14.66 yd³ of trash removed in Apr. 2013
- 10.19 yd³ of trash removed in May 2013
- 30 counts of illegal dumping recorded in Apr. and May

Keep Coyote Creek wild!

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.

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Thank You!