

The Watermark



Executive Directors Corner

The Discovery Center over the past several months has been hopping. We've had nature walks, kayak excursions, lagoon clean up, exercise classes, a Luau, a magnificent fundraiser at Herons' House, informative speakers and the 3rd Grade School Program is in full swing. Thanks to each and everyone one of you our club house membership is growing! It's the energy from our volunteers and our members that make sharing the lagoon so special.

We keep building more into our membership to help you explore our amazing lagoon. Carlsbad Standup Paddle Board is one of our newest business partners and they offer our membership a 10% discount on rentals just by showing your card.

We are striving to build a shared sense of stewardship for the nature in our lagoon backyard. You can also join us by volunteering as a docent, garden helper, and our school program always needs help preparing crafts for the children. We love new friends and our Club House is plenty big enough for more.

I-5 Widening Project *by Vince Kalaher*

Because of the diversity of the opinions regarding the proposed plan for the widening of I-5 and a good number of the membership being opposed to any widening which would include expanding the foot print of the project, the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation is focused on the potential environmental impacts with respect to the Lagoon for any new bridge over the Lagoon as well as the desires for community enhancement projects associated with a new bridge. Because the Cal-Trans draft EIR at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon contains concepts but no specific design regarding the building of a bridge is virtually impossible for the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation to balance the potential environmental impacts with the possible mitigation for the environmental impact.

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Thanks to all who came out for the
BATS IN THE BELFRY
event on October 28!



**A CREEPY GOOD TIME
WAS HAD BY ALL!**



Special thanks to
Mr. Terry Rodman
for the planning and creation of a wicked
good time!



Big thanks to all of our dedicated
volunteers who made this evening
possible!

Taste of Tuscany

Carlsbad Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation extends a heartfelt thanks to Julie and Peder Norby for providing their hand-crafted wines and allowing us to gather in their amazing home. The Herons' House ambiance as well as the informative tour around this eco-friendly example of what California living is all about made the evening super spectacular. We had a group of local celebrities who acted as guest servers for the evening.



Thank you for your generosity: Keith Blackburn, Matt Hall, Farrah Douglas and Mark Packard; what better way to highlight this wonderful Lagoon then with this spectacular evening. Thanks to all our marvelous sponsors, guest hosts, guest servers and of course our wonderful guests!

COMING EVENTS

We're celebrating
**FAMILY
MONTH**
at the
**LAGOON
DISCOVERY
CENTER!**



Please join us for
these fun family
happenings!



November 10- Show and Tell with Kahoots – 7 pm

Free

Come and learn about the Kahoot's critters. You'll be free to pet them and ask questions. Find out what pet might be right for your family!



November 13 - Family Hike- 9:30 am

An introduction to the plants and wildlife you'll find on the trails around the lagoon.

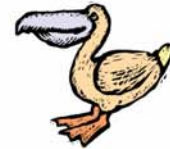
\$5 per family, includes granola bars and waters. Meet at the Lagoon Discovery Center at 9:30 am. Stay afterward for the book reading and song!



November 13 – A Sea Story and a Song – 11 am

Free

Author Mark Moran reads his children's book, "The Adventures of Sea Rae Boy". When a magical boy and his pelican friend appear, there is new hope for all the creatures of the land, sea, and air. This story will be enjoyed by families who like a message about sea life conservation. Stay for an acoustic song or two following the story!



November 19 – Family Movie Night – 7 pm

Bring a blanket or sleeping bag to get cozy and watch "Night at the Museum" with Ben Stiller. We hope our resident coyote doesn't come to life during the movie! \$1 per person.



November 20- Monthly Lagoon Birding Walk- 3 pm

Free

This month's birding walk will meet at 3 pm at the Lagoon Discovery Center. Please bring water and a camera or binoculars. There's a wide variety of birds that you won't want to miss! Be prepared to walk a leisurely 2 miles.

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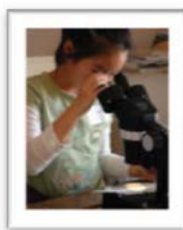
DECEMBER & JANUARY
12/20 – 1/2 12-4
CLOSED 12/24 – 12/26

Lagoon Discovery Center's Environmental Stewardship School Program

Did you know the Discovery Center has an innovative field trip program for our local 3rd graders?

The Environmental Stewardship Program has been designed to awaken in our children the need to appreciate and care for the natural environment. We provide hands-on classes, which stress responsible interaction with our natural surroundings and create an awareness of the impact of

day-to-day human activities. The four separate field trips include Lagoon History and Archaeology, Luiseno Indian Culture, Watersheds and Wetlands, and Birds and Migration.



Meet our New Board Members

Brian Dugan grew up in the Washington DC area and holds a B.S. in Commerce from The University of Virginia. Mr. Dugan received an MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management. He graduated as an Edwin W. Carter Fellow, the school's highest honor awarded to the top 2% of the MBA class. Mr. Dugan joined Poseidon Resources in July 2008. He serves as the Director of Finance & Project Development and is responsible for raising project capital, financial analysis and modeling, investor relations, and contract negotiations. In his free time he enjoys coaching high school boys' basketball at San Diego High School as the varsity assistant.

Mike Howes one of the Principals of Howes Weiler and Associates, has been involved in land use planning in Carlsbad since 1980. He worked as a City Planner for the City of Carlsbad from 1980-1989 and since then has been actively involved as a private sector planner in Carlsbad and other North County jurisdictions. Mike has been a member of the AHLF since 1990 and served on the board for over seven years in the 1990s. When not at work Mike enjoys surfing, kayaking and hiking.

Michael Metts, PE, is a California registered professional civil engineer and principal with Dudek, Inc., a local engineering and environmental consulting firm. Mike has worked in the southwestern United States for over 27 year, the last 21 years in Los Angeles and San Diego Counties. He specializes in public infrastructure planning, design and construction - particularly related to water, wastewater, and recycled water facilities. Mike has a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky. He has provided engineering services to the majority of North County cities and special districts with a wide variety of water conveyance, pumping, storage and treatment facilities. Mike is a past president of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club, and has been a member of Rotary for over 10 years. Mike, and wife Cindy, enjoy taking extended trips with friends and family on their Harley. Mike also enjoys golf and fishing in his spare time.

Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation thanks Peter MacLaggan for his years of service and dedication to the mission and goals of the foundation! You will be missed



Volunteer of the Year Lin Ball

Our wonderful volunteer has been a dedicated, integral, and steadfast part of our non-profit organization. Besides juggling her own busy and successful Human Resource company, Lin dedicates at least 4 hours per week to assist us in a wide variety of duties.

H2O Trash Patrol Says “Pick it Up!”

When Lorenzo Diaz stopped by the Lagoon Discovery Center one day to discuss trouble trash locations in the lagoon, we could see this was someone who wanted to make the world a better place. During our recent Lagoon Clean Up on September 25, Lorenzo, his wife Patti, and their 3 kids joined us to pitch in. Watching the Diaz family in action is an inspiring thing. The Diaz clan has formed an organization called “H2O Trash Patrol”. Their crew goes out to focus on cleaning up troubled and hard to reach debris. The Diaz Family explain how it all got started:

“It all began with a simple lesson to our three kids and a day at the beach. We would have them pick up 10 pieces of trash each, before we headed home. And each time they would make it a competition to see how many pieces they could get. It was the day when our daughter said she had picked up 100 pieces of trash in about 15 minutes that we realized how truly awful the condition was of our beaches. We started paying attention to how few people were even cleaning up after themselves, let alone going out of their way to clean up after someone else. Our children deserve to play on safe sand, as do we all. And yet the amount of trash in any one day that sits, as time bombs in the sand, is atrocious.”



“We started to make a routine of it, spending at least an hour each week gathering as much trash as we could from our local beaches. The final motivator to start H2O Trash Patrol came the day we took stand up paddleboards into Aqua Hedionda and saw a gross amount of garbage floating in the water. It was then that we realized that a huge effort needed to be given to pull the trash out that is already in the water. “

“Cleaning the water and the beaches has become a family passion. We are committed to making a huge difference by taking action and maximizing our time and the time of our crew to be on the beaches and in the water cleaning up as much as possible. What we take out we sort and recycle what we can.” The Diaz family can be seen with their H2O Trash Patrol buckets and pickers on the sand, and on paddleboards in the water, towing the kids in a raft or board. Their story is an inspiring reminder to help prevent trash in our waterways and to remove the debris that you see to prevent bird and sea creatures ingestion, illness, and death. This will also keep the trash off of our beaches to protect our families from being hurt by it.

To join the crew, contribute to, or sponsor the H2O Trash Patrol, please contact them:

By Phone: (760) 468-4029

By Email: pickitup@h2otrashpatrol.com

By Mail: PO Box 231792

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(I-5 Widening continued)

In any event, the proposed bridge concept includes some desirable components from the perspective of the Lagoon Foundation, which includes walkways along either side of a new freeway bridge and paths underneath the freeway. The Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation vision is to have trails that connect El Camino Real to the ocean along the Lagoon. It is our hope that your paths work towards this goal.

Additionally, the bridge noise abatement issues do not appear to be adequately addressed by the existing proposal which does not include glass paneling at the new proposed

Lagoon Bridge which would allow the visual site lines to continue but abate the noise of any expanded freeway. We also would like you to address the “crashing of cars” into the lagoon.

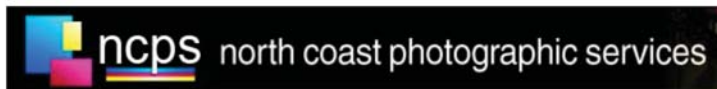
It appears any proposed bridge would include a wider inlet to provide for an increased flow for the Lagoon to the inner Lagoon that would be supported by the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation. We would also request that Cal Trans place appropriate signage on the freeway and the expanded rail tracks identifying Agua Hedionda Lagoon.

The Lagoon Foundation is supportive of mitigation efforts by Cal-Trans on the “Hallmark property” and also supports the expressed desire on the part of Cal-Trans to begin mitigation prior to freeway expansion that would allow Cal-Trans to receive additional mitigation credits. While it is understood the Coastal Commission and other agencies are important partners in this mitigation project, The Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation seeks to have habitat restoration in combination with access for the public to interact with the natural environment of the Lagoon and the Hallmark property.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors.



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By day or by night you never know what you will find at the **Discovery Center**. This Orb Weaver spider has made her home right outside our front door. Stop by and watch the action!



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