



Trail Center News

Volunteers Since
1983
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Dear Judd,

Welcome to the Trail Center News, which will be published monthly to keep you up to date on our current & future projects. It will also include other news of interest about our volunteers and flora, fauna & trails in San Mateo & Santa Clara counties and beyond.

Happy Trails!!!

David Taylor
President, Trail Center Board of Directors

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California Park & Rec Society Honors Trail Center at Awards Banquet



In February, the Trail Center was recognized by the California Park and Recreation Society's District for its months of work building a hiker-friendly trail to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain in the City of San Mateo.

Shown here are Trail Center Project Committee member Dave Croker, who played a key role in the trail design, TC Board member Marilyn Stockdale Green, who worked with Trail Center member Tom Morse and

the City of San Mateo to get the trail project approved and Dennis Frank, the City's Landscape Architect, who was the trail project liaison with the Trail Center.

Trail Center Says "So Long" To Longest Serving Active Volunteers

Next Event



San Mateo County Park Ranger Mark Schneider needs help with a trail reroute around a huge fallen tree on the Brook Trail, a fairly major artery for equestrians in the area. Right now they can't get around this obstacle.

This two-day project (lots of digging for a 4+' wide equestrian trail and 3 retaining walls) will take place on April 18 (tomorrow!) and May 9.

Other sections of the Brook Trail will also receive major maintenance attention from our trail experts on these days, too.

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Since the last time the TC News was published, Tim and Pat Oren, who have been active Trail Center volunteers since 1988, said "so long" to the organization they have made so many contributions to by putting in a full day's work on the new Sugarloaf Mountain trail in San Mateo. After an extensive search for the perfect place to retire, Tim and Pat relocated to Boise, Idaho.

"In addition to their impressive long time commitment to the Trail Center, there are very few Trail Center volunteers who have worn so many hats," said Trail Center President, David Taylor. "Pat even worked in our office at one point while also serving as a crew leader and Tim served on both the board and the Projects Committee and was active in mapping projects and advocating for new trails in the mid-1990s."

Both Tim and Pat commented that their lengthy affiliation with the Trail Center has brought them a lot of personal satisfaction in addition to the trails that have been built or improved through their efforts. "We formed friendships in 1988 that are still thriving today," Pat said. "It has also been extremely fulfilling to do hands on work on trails that will be enjoyed by hikers for decades to come," Tim added. "In fact, we look forward to coming back to the Bay Area to visit and seeing even more tangible results of the Trail Center's work in the form of new and improved trails we can explore."

"The Trail Center wants to thank Tim and Pat, for their decades of dedication to trails and wishes them the best of luck in their new home in Idaho," Taylor concluded.

Trail Center Rocks Alum Rock Park



The Trail Center's first three workdays of 2015 in January, February and March were devoted to Alum Rock Park in San Jose where the South Rim Trail was re-routed around a large tree, the South Rim and sycamore Switchback Trails were widened, new stairs were installed, and lots of tread repair, drainage work, and brushing was accomplished.

In January 22 volunteers made the 1.2 mile hike up the Sycamore switchbacks to the work site. Another 18 volunteers worked on the project in February and 15 volunteers participated in March.

Other Upcoming Projects

- [April 18](#) - Pescadero Creek County Park - Brook Trail
- [May 9](#) - Pescadero Creek County Park - Brook Trail
- [June 6](#) - National Trails Day - Skyline Trail in Huddart County Park
- [June 27](#) - Portola Redwoods State Park
- [August 29](#) - Portola Redwoods State Park
- Late July or early August - The Pacific Crest Trail

Trail Center member!!!

The Trail Center is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization, founded in 1983 and the volunteers who come out every month to build, re-route and maintain trails are the Trail Center's most valuable asset.

However, tools and work gloves and gas for the tool trailer do need to be purchased and other occasional expenses, such as trailer repair, need to be financed.

The Trail Center relies solely on membership fees and donations to meet these expenses.

If you have been volunteering with us for awhile, please consider taking the next step and becoming a member -- for the modest fee of \$35 per year -- or making a donation.

