

OSA Outlook



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Mayor Reed, Andrea Mackenzie, Assemblymember Nora Campos, Supervisor Cindy Chavez snip the ribbon for the new Kestrel Trail.

Coyote Valley Family Harvest Feast

A Celebration of Nature's Bounty!

The Open Space Authority Board, staff and volunteers are excited to welcome the public to the beautiful Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve to celebrate this last remaining area in the iconic Valley of Heart's Delight. The event offers a firsthand experience of how important nature and its benefits are to our everyday lives.

"Open space land helps protect our clean air and water, wildlife habitat, and provides healthy food produced by local farms and ranches. Open space is here to enjoy and we want to encourage everyone to visit often."

ANDREA MACKENZIE, GENERAL MANAGER

The Open Space Authority's *Santa Clara Valley Greenprint* identifies Coyote Valley as one of the highest priority areas for conservation in Santa Clara County. Coyote Valley encompasses one of only two critical landscape linkages that allow wildlife movement between the Diablo Range and the Santa Cruz Mountains. It is a critical recharge area for the groundwater basin on which Silicon Valley depends. Its farmland is an important source of healthy, local

food and provides opportunities for the sustained livelihood of the county's farmers and ranchers.

Look inside for a sneak peek of the Family Harvest Feast festivities!

Coyote Valley Family Harvest Feast

Saturday, Sept. 27

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve

550 Palm Avenue, Morgan Hill
(south of San Jose off Hwy 101)

FREE admission and parking

Register at:

harvestfeastcv.eventbrite.com





Celebrity Chef Maurice Dissels of Birk's Restaurant will serve crisp and juicy rotisserie porchetta with a kale Caesar salad on the side, and demonstrate his extensive culinary talents for the crowd.

Fresh, Delicious, Affordable Foods

The Coyote Valley Family Harvest Feast is a celebration of nature's bounty, and the many ways nature contributes to our health, quality of life, and strength of the local economy. The Harvest Feast will offer plenty of delicious, affordable, multicultural food to tempt and satisfy a broad range of palates. A variety of chefs and food vendors will provide fresh fish tacos, veggie kabobs, roasted corn on the cob, turkey dogs and Thai, Indian and Mediterranean specialties including falafel, pad Thai, and healthy salads.

World-Class Entertainment for the Whole Family

Award-winning Bay Area bluesman Willie G and his band will play their high-energy soul, blues and jazz tunes that appeal to all ages. Singer/storyteller Andy Z will delight kids and kids-at-heart with his songs, stories and character voices. Community groups are also scheduled to perform. See full entertainment schedule below.



ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

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| 11:15 – 11:30 am | Dance and drumming by Vietnamese Lasallian Youth |
| 11:30 – 12:00 noon | Classical South Asian Dance by McKon Kathak Dancers |
| 12:00 – 12:30 pm | Traditional Mexican dance by Grupo Folklorico Los Laureles |
| 12:30 – 1:00 pm | Bay Area Favorite Singer/Storyteller Andy Z! |
| 1:30 – 3:00 pm | Award-winning Bluesman Willie G! |

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

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| 11:30 - 12:30 pm | Live Animals from Zoo to You and Sheep on a Leash |
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Sierra Vista: Your New Point of View

Open Space Authority Dedicates New Trail and Parking Area



On August 23, the Open Space Authority hosted hundreds of supporters at its *Sierra Vista: Your New Point of View* event to celebrate new access to the nearly 2,000 acres of pristine wilderness at Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve and dedicate the new Aquila Loop Trail.

Sierra Vista's popular network of trails were previously accessible only by ascending 1,500 feet through Alum Rock Park. The new parking area on Sierra Road provides direct access to the Upper



Visitors enjoyed hiking, cycling and stunning vistas at the Sierra Vista opening



and Lower Calaveras Fault Trails that lead into nearly 2,000 acres of open space land and spectacular vistas.

The dedication event featured speakers Senator Jim Beall, California Assembly Speaker pro Tem Nora Campos, Mayors Chuck Reed, San Jose and Jose Esteves, Milpitas, County Supervisor Cindy Chavez, San Jose City Councilmember Ash Kalra, Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce President Matt Mahood and Janet

McBride of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

General Manager Andrea Mackenzie closed the program by saying, "We hope you will return to Sierra Vista again and again; for as songwriter Woody Guthrie wrote, This Land is YOUR Land. Come for the views, the sunrises and the sunsets; come to recharge and revitalize your spirit; bring your best friend, your children, your parents, your grandparents – come here to put things in perspective; to get a NEW perspective."

The Open Space Authority would like to acknowledge the Bay Area Ridge Trail and the Coastal Conservancy for their generous contributions to the Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve trails and staging area.

Senator Beall, Supervisor Chavez, Terry Christensen and Assembly member Campos enjoy the view.



Local Funding to Protect Open Space



To continue protecting open space in our community, the Open Space Authority Board of Directors has voted to place a \$24 annual parcel tax measure on the November 2014 ballot. The parcel tax is estimated to generate approximately \$7,883,760 per year. All funds would be spent in the cities of San Jose, Milpitas, Santa Clara, Campbell and Morgan Hill, and the unincorporated portions of Santa Clara County covered by the Open Space Authority, and could not be taken away by the State. The measure would expire in 15 years and could not be renewed without voter approval. For more details about **Measure Q**, visit openspaceauthority.org.

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Red Hot Chili Peppers (and Mild Ones Too!) – Free Samples



At the Family Harvest Feast, be sure to stop by the SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture Education) Local Chili Display, featuring 60 types of chilies, ranging from the mild Aji Dulce to piquante Golden Cayenne to the (almost) lethally hot Trinidad Scorpion. Daring visitors can sample mild and medium-hot chilies as well as chili recipes made by local chefs. The chilies were all grown in the Coyote Valley, as part of a chili pepper research trial conducted by the University of California Cooperative Extension. "This array of chilies from many cultures shows the variety of crops that can be grown here," says Sibella Kraus, director of the **Discover Coyote Valley** project, which is funding the trial through a Specialty Crops grant from the California Department of Food and Agriculture.