

Cayucos

LAND CONSERVANCY

Protecting our important places for future generations

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cayucoslandconservancywill SPLASH INTO SUMMER

The Cayucos Land Conservancy is hosting a "Going for the Green" encore. A "Summer Splash" is a chance to don your best Cayucos duds, Black Tie to Hawaiian shirts, invite your best date or best friend and celebrate the beauty and successes of Cayucos. Put on your party clothes and dancing shoes and come celebrate the Cayucos Land Conservancy's next big addition to the green belt.

The Splash will be held Saturday, June 9, at the historic Borradori Garage in Cayucos. Festivities begin at 7 pm and continue to 11 pm.

You will enjoy live music, delicious food sampling, beer and wine tasting from many of

our area's most popular restaurants, wineries and beer meisters, plus a live and silent auction and the best company that money can't buy! Tickets are \$50 each but don't forget your check book for a chance to bid on local "Can Do/Learn To" Adventure Days and Getaways.

Tickets will go on sale May 1, advance sales only, with a limited number available. All proceeds go towards the extension and maintenance of the greenbelt around Cayucos. Be part of the CLC momentum.

For more information: www.cayucoslandconservancy.org or 805-995-2046.

messagefromthepresident

"the retreat and the charge"

After its 6th annual strategic planning session CLC is fired up and ready to go for the new year. I want to thank our professional planning facilitator, Dale Magee, who volunteers her time to CLC, for doing yet another masterful job in leading the Board through a very challenging process. Thanks to Dale we have a plan for 2007 that includes major goals and a timeline for their accomplishment. Those goals include: closing escrow on the ranch conservation easement purchase; refocusing energy and resources on acquiring hillside lots; continuing to work cooperatively with State Parks to ensure that Estero Bluffs is managed in keeping with the community's vision; exploring other opportunities to add to the greenbelt around Cayucos; increasing awareness of CLC and its mission; and, involving a wider circle of folks in CLC's efforts. In addition to the Board, I'd like to thank the following people who have decided to be a part of CLC's work, most of whom attended the strategic planning session: Tanya Downing, Taren Freeh, Marie Jaqua, Mike and Becka Kelly, Landon Mortimer, Stacey Nairne, Lisa Schwennicke, and Joanne Reister.

Lastly I want to thank all of you for being a part of CLC's work and helping to make great things happen. I hope to see you all at our spectacular community party on June 9th where we intend to celebrate the beauty of Cayucos and CLC's efforts to create a greenbelt around it.

— Thanks again, Greg Bettencourt

Kudos

A big "Thank you" and "Good Luck" to Bruce Gibson for serving on the CLC board for many years. His dedication to Cayucos has benefited all of us. In appreciation, the CLC board presented Bruce with a plaque complete with a picture of the "No Trespassing" sign being removed from the Estero Bluffs. He has assured us the sign will be hung in a place of honor.

newwebsite

Please check out CLC's new and under-construction website at www.cayucoslandconservancy.org. We are very excited to have this up-to-date site chock-full of great information and beautiful Cayucos and Estero Bay pictures. CLC is fortunate to have volunteer Tom Eckle creating the site. Tom is working steadily on the construction and expects to have it completed this spring. Don't wait for it to be finished to make a visit. It's ready to enjoy now as many of the pages and photographs are up. Also, we would really appreciate any comments and suggestions you might have as to how to make it all that it can be; simply hit the contact button on the homepage and send us an email.

membership keeps growing

MARY BETTENCOURT

The Cayucos Land Conservancy membership is growing by leaps and bounds with 56 new supporters in 2006. We now have 345 households on our roster -187 are full time residents and 158 are part time. CLC members receive two newsletters a year and email updates. If you'd like notice of CLC news between newsletters, send us your email address and we'll keep you posted.

Thank you everyone, for your ongoing support! If you'd like to help bring in new members, contact Mary at maryb6@mac.com or 995-1675.

board members

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the estero bluffs cliff notes, part one ...before 1970

The Estero Bluffs was home to the Chumash Indians for some 8,000 years. Cayucos and the bluffs with its mild climate and easy ocean and tide pool access was a haven for these gentle gatherers and hunters. When the Chumash were escorted out of town by "Newcomer Evolution," the only evidence they left behind was a magnificent coastal environment to benefit future generations. What a gift and lesson they left for all of us.

Mrs. Mary Paolini said "Old Man" Muscio came from the old county and ran dairy cattle at San Geronimo, and later the Mainos. The Paolini Family leased the bluffs to run cattle for many years... Until a change of hands took place."

This story continues in the next newsletter and/or you can join us for a walk on the bluffs, March 17 (see Calendar of Events) and hear Part II, "In the Beginning" from Roger Lyon.

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Would you like to be part of the CLC's efforts? WE NEED YOU!

- PR: Press Releases/Press Relations
- The 3rd Saturday Walk Coordinator
- Volunteers for A Summer Splash
- Host a Mixer
- Represent CLC at a Community event

Send comments, announcements and suggestions for the newsletter to: info@cottontailcreek.com

calendar of events

March 17 (3rd) Saturday Walk on the Bluffs
While walking the Bluffs, Roger Lyon will tell the story of how our small town took on the big guns and stopped the approved development of a 250 unit hotel/convention center and 60+ homes planned for the San Geronimo Creek area. Also known as the Estero Story. *Wear light colored clothing!*

June 9 Summer Splash Gala "Going for the Green" 7pm - 11 pm at the historic Borradorri Garage. Tickets \$50 each, black tie optional. For more information: www.cayucoslandconservancy.org or 805-995-2046.

July 4 Booth in Cayucos to share the CLC story by Carol Baptiste, Chair.

yes! I want to help preserve open space around Cayucos

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to Volunteer in CLC's work, please contact me

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Thank you very much. You have made a difference!

- Individual \$20
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- Please use my contribution of \$_____ for the Ranch Conservation Project