

**Greetings!**

Welcome to the September 2017 inaugural issue of *The Conejo Open Space Foundation News!*

This newsletter is being written and compiled by members of the Conejo Open Space Foundation [board](#). The Foundation exists to help preserve, promote, and protect our open space. We want to better communicate with our members and volunteers on issues related to open space in Conejo Valley, and we think providing you with short, timely articles of interest will help us achieve this goal while not overwhelming you with content.

The newsletter will be sent via email, and issues will also be stored, readable, and downloadable on the Foundation's [website](#). We expect to publish quarterly, and all work is being done by board volunteers at no cost: *No COSF funds and no donations are being used in any way to create and/or publish this newsletter.*

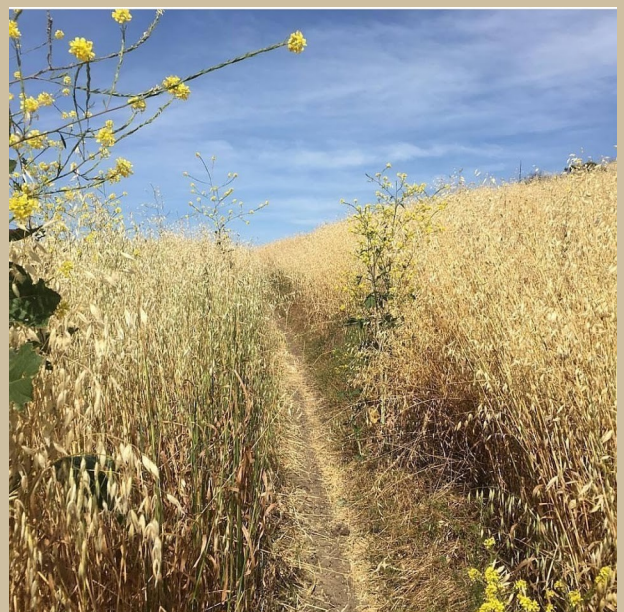
We hope you will find this newsletter informative, interesting, and helpful, and we welcome article ideas, submissions, photos, and queries from all of our readers. You can contact us with your comments here: [newsletter@cosf.org](mailto:newsletter@cosf.org).

**Donate**

**Volunteer**

**Fall Trail Work Day**

Please join us for our annual Fall Trail Work Day on Saturday, October 21, 2017 (rain date October 28). This year's event is especially exciting because we will be celebrating COSCA's 40th anniversary! The event will start at 7:30 am at the new Sapwi Trails Park. As always, there will be a variety of projects for all skill levels, and breakfast bags, water, a BBQ lunch, and a raffle with great prizes will be provided for all participants. So, don't miss out on this fun and rewarding opportunity to contribute. Details are [here](#).



## Hot Dogs!

It's hot! Please take care of your dogs!

Several dogs have recently died due to overheating while hiking in the nearby Santa Monica Mountains. The NPS is posting [new signs](#) reminding all dog owners that 'Dogs can't sweat like humans.'

We all love our dogs, and they want to please us, sometimes pushing themselves too hard to keep up. Please take care of your precious pooch!

## Trail Trivia

We have over 150 miles of trails in Conejo Valley. Certain locations and landmarks have acquired unofficial, yet endearing, names. The 'Lily Tomlin Bench' on the Los Robles Trail is a landmark you may have passed many times. Because of the terrain of the land where it sits, part of the bench is much higher than your standard picnic table. Because of this, it is reminiscent of the iconic chair that Lily Tomlin sat in as Edith Ann in several Laugh-In and [Sesame Street](#) episodes. Here are the coordinates for you to hike out to see it ([N34 9.8351', W118 53.3356'](#) ). Be sure to take pictures sitting on it and use the hashtag #COSlilytomlinbench on Twitter, Instagram, and/or Facebook!



## Save the Date!

The COSF annual holiday party for supporters and volunteers will be held Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 5 pm to 8 pm at the CRPD Headquarters at 408 West Hillcrest Dr., Thousand Oaks. Invitations with RSVPs will be sent out in early November. Come join us for food, fun, a silent auction, and more!

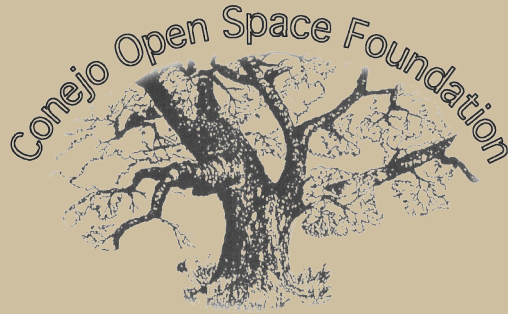
## Want to Volunteer? Here's How!

The COSCA Volunteer Corps has many ways for residents to help maintain and preserve the open space that surrounds our beautiful Conejo Valley. By joining with others, we can make sure that the trails, canyons, and ridgelines will be enjoyed by visitors for generations to come. You can read about the specific volunteer opportunities below, and you can submit a request to volunteer, noting your specific interests, [here](#).

- [Adopt-a-Trail Program](#)
- [Trail Watch Program](#)
- [Trail Ambassador Program](#)
- [Trail Work Days](#)



- [Trails Education Days](#)



The Conejo Open Space Foundation was formed in 1995 to promote and maintain the open space and trail system of the Conejo Valley and to educate residents as to their roles as custodians and protectors of the open space and the environment. Our [web site](#) illustrates ongoing Conejo Open Space programs supported by the Foundation that help preserve and protect our precious open space.

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