



Friends of Sausal Creek

PROMOTING WATERSHED AWARENESS

Volunteer Event Information

What: Community-Based Restoration Event with Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC)

Where: Bridgeview Trail

When: Wednesday, February 15th, Noon-3pm

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About the Friends of Sausal Creek: Formed in 1996, the Friends of Sausal Creek is a group of community members protecting Sausal Creek at a grassroots level. The Friends recognize that citizen participation—from residents to decision-makers, teachers to students—is critical for building long-term commitment to protecting Sausal Creek as a natural resource for the greater Oakland community. Sausal Creek begins in the Oakland Hills and runs through Oakland, spilling its contents into the San Francisco Bay at the Fruitvale Bridge. With the help of local students, corporate groups, and community members, the Friends conduct restoration workdays; propagate and plant native plants; and monitor water quality, birds, and aquatic insects. Our goals are to improve habitat and connect people with this unique watershed.

Project Description: Restoration projects vary throughout the year. Planting events take place during late fall, winter, and early spring months, while focus on removal of invasive plant species, installation of erosion control materials, trash removal, and trail maintenance projects take place throughout the year. At each restoration event, FOSC crew leaders provide guidance and instruction on project specifics including plant identification, best practices in invasive species removal and planting techniques, and safety with tool use.

Event Logistics for 2/15: Meet at the Bridgeview Trailhead at the start of the day to sign-in, round up tools, and gather for a site introduction and safety talk from their FOSC crew leader. **We ask that volunteers wear close-toed shoes, long sleeve shirts, and long pants. Be prepared to get dirty! Please bring a refillable water bottle and sun protection. We will provide tools and gloves. All volunteers will need to sign a waiver to participate.**

Directions to the Bridgeview Trail:

From Hwy 13 exit Park BLVD and head towards the Bay (West). From Park Boulevard, make a left on Leimert Boulevard, southeastward, across the bridge. After crossing the bridge, park in front of the businesses on your left, and take the staircase up to Bridgeview, ~OR~ At the first stop sign, bear left, staying on Leimert. Go one block, turn left onto Bridgeview. It dead-ends at the trailhead.

Public transportation options are also available; check 511.org to look up route options.

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