

O-Piñon - - September 29, 2007

Dear CERRILLOS HILLS HISTORIC PARK supporter:

Welcome to fall in the hills!

Unlike some years, when we go directly from summer into winter, this year the hills are alive with the sights and sound of autumn. And the sound of shovels and Pulaskis and McLeods, as Scott and Cynthia, of the Santa Fe County Open Space & Trails Department, along with CHHP Manager Todd Brown and assorted others, work to repair and upgrade our trails. New trail name and directional signage is on the way. The New Mexico Volunteers For the Outdoors are coming for an October weekend of work. Earth Works Institute is coordinating a restoration project focused on two of our eastside springs. And, it's not every year that you get a chance to see the beauty of fall in the Cerrillos Hills. Come take a look!

The big story remains the pending acquisitions. As of this date we are still awaiting word of the separate closings on the two largest privately-held properties in the Cerrillos Hills. Santa Fe County is the purchaser, and these parcels are slated for eventual inclusion into the CHHP. We hope to have some good news in time for our quarterly meeting, which will be held two weeks from today.

The quarterly meeting of the CERRILLOS HILLS PARK COALITION will take place on Saturday, October 13th from 4 to 6pm at the San Marcos fire house (TTVFD). The San Marcos fire house is on Hwy 14 across from the San Marcos Feed Store & Cafe, between mile markers 38 and 39. If you're in the neighborhood on that Saturday afternoon, stop by. We would love to hear from you, and this will be your chance to get the late breaking news (and juicy rumors). The welcome mat will be out.

New Mexico State Parks is still on track to take over the management of the CHHP from the County, but right now it looks like the NMSP train won't be pulling into our station until next spring. We will have the latest on this as well on the 13th.

I hope to see you in two weeks at the fire house.

On behalf of the members of the Coalition and of the Board,  
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