

# F AIRVIEW P PARK

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## FAIRVIEW PARK

### MASTER PLAN:

*A guide for tomorrow*

### Park Update.....

The design for the multi-purpose trail system connecting the west and east sides of Fairview Park is 100 percent complete. The next step is to have Callrans review and approve it prior to construction. This is a requirement under the OCTA grant received by the City. Once this has been completed, we can be more specific on the exact construction date. Improvement funding for this trail system is \$234,000.

Restoration of the large vernal pool is scheduled to start October 13, 2003 through October 15, 2003. The contractor will be entering the Park from Canyon Drive so the wooden logs at the end of the parking lot will be moved temporarily. The appropriate permits have been authorized and will be issued through the City Engineers.

*Rex Melstedt*  
Fairview Park Plan Administrator



## Friends of Fairview Park Quarterly Meeting

Our Fall Quarterly Meeting will take place at Color Me Mine at Triangle Square in Costa Mesa on November 12th from 6-8 pm. We hope you can join us for a fun evening of painting and socializing. To sign up for the event please contact Kimberly Woods at [Diver-set@aol.com](mailto:Diver-set@aol.com) or call our hotline by November 2nd to reserve a spot. After that, its first come-first serve. Color Me Mine is located at 1870 Harbor Blvd in Triangle Square. If you need directions please call (949)515-8612.



## Fairview Park Tour



Join us for our series of tours that display the variation of the seasons in the park. The City of Costa Mesa's Fairview Friends Committee, will be hosting a free guided tour of Fairview Park on Saturday, December 6th, 2003. The Fairview Park Fall tour will take place at 9:30 p.m. at the south end of the main parking lot on the west side of Placentia Avenue, and is expected to take 1½ hours.

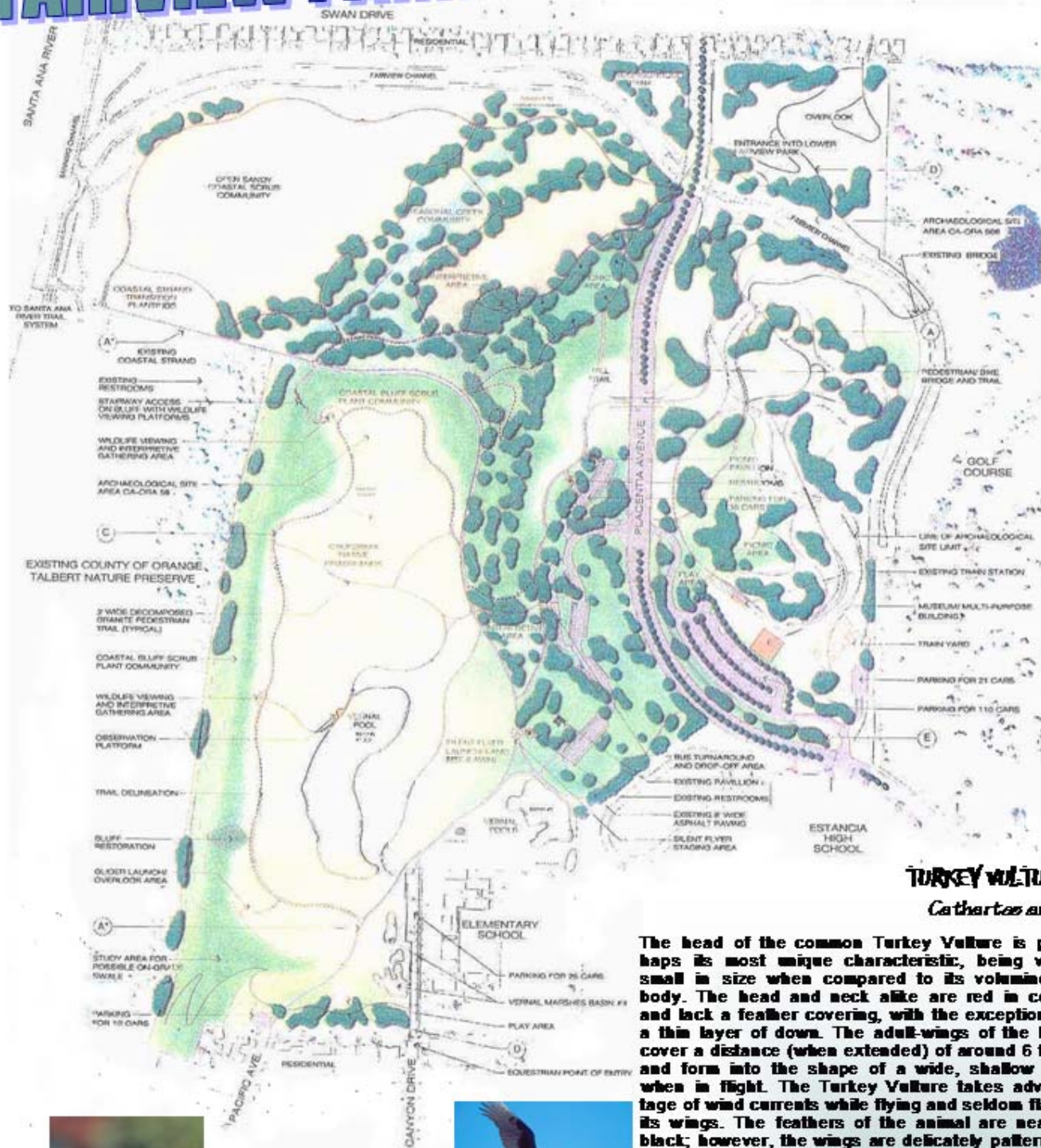


The tour will be conducted by Robert Graham, a long-time resident of Costa Mesa and advocate for the preservation of Fairview Park.

The tour will present an overview of what the Park has to offer the community, as well as provide public understanding regarding future plans for the Park. The Fairview Friends Committee holds seasonal tours of the park to encourage the community to witness subtle changes in the park with regard to weather and other conditions.



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## TURKEY VULTURE

*Cathartes aura*

The head of the common Turkey Vulture is perhaps its most unique characteristic, being very small in size when compared to its voluminous body. The head and neck alike are red in color and lack a feather covering, with the exception of a thin layer of down. The adult wings of the bird cover a distance (when extended) of around 6 feet and form into the shape of a wide, shallow "V" when in flight. The Turkey Vulture takes advantage of wind currents while flying and seldom flaps its wings. The feathers of the animal are nearly black; however, the wings are delicately patterned with silvery lining. The feet are found to be quite weak due to their main function of running along the terrain rather than grasping live-prey from the skies.



The Turkey Vulture is a common carrion eater. Most of the bird's time is spent soaring gracefully over the land in search of the animal carcasses on which it feeds. The Vulture's keen senses of both smell and sight aid in the location of rotting meat. Because this species does not kill in order to attain food, its claws and feet alike have become rather weak appendages for grasping.

The annual nesting period for *Cathartes aura* takes place during warmer weather. Locations for this are usually found simply upon the ground under the protection of camouflage, but can sometimes be found in caves. Adult Turkey Vulture's lay only 2 eggs during the nesting period.

MAY 10th PAWS AROUND THE PARK 2003



The second annual Paws Around the Park took place on May 10th at the Park in the upper lawn area. Several new trees had been planted but there was plenty of room for the vendors and flyball demonstration. There were several vendors with booths displaying dog items and services. Jamba Juice provided smoothies to all the volunteers and participants. A special thanks goes out to Cape Fresh for helping us again this year with supplying the drinking fountains for the people and their pets. The event started early with a dog costume contest. Our winner, Chris Felicjan, dressed up Charlie Bear and Sammy as the original governor of California and an Aztec. . The participants then took their dogs on the long and short dog



walks, which gave them an opportunity to see all the wildflowers in the park thanks to the recent rains we had. They then could enjoy the rest of the event visiting the vendor booths, watching the Orange Crush flyball demonstration, and seeing a service dog perform tasks on stage. The opportunity drawing wrapped up the event with everyone winning something donated by our generous sponsors. Diane and Chante Longshore received the most pledges collected award for collecting \$275 each.



Congratulations to all of our participants who helped us raise more than \$2,000!



1<sup>st</sup> Annual



The Friends of Fairview Park are excited to bring you a night out at the Park! Leave your car at home but bring your lounge chair, jackets, pillows, blankets, and flashlights for a relaxing evening like the good of days at drive-ins.

The movie "SHREK" will be playing on the big screen at the west side of Fairview Park. There will be plenty of games for children, snacks, beverages, and lighted jewelry for sale.

Saturday, October 18th



6 pm

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHT

## Friends of Fairview Park Committee

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Orange County Model Engineers (949) 631-3418  
ReLeaf Costa Mesa (714) 540-5811

CONTACTS



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 18 - Lounge Chair Theater @ 6 p.m.  
November 12th - Quarterly Meeting of Color Me Mine, Triangle Square @ 6 p.m.  
December 6th - Second Park Tour @ 9:30 a.m.  
Every 3rd Weekend of the Month: Free train rides on the Eastside of the park  
provided by the Orange County Model Engineers Club