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Fairview Park Forever Celebration on May 20

Costa Mesans are invited to a "Fairview Park Forever" Celebration Party at Fairview Park on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a. m. to 3 p.m.

Hosted by the Fairview Park Preservation Alliance, the free public event is a celebration of voter approval of Measure AA. The voter initiative was passed Nov. 9 with 7 out of 10 citizens voting to preserve Fairview Park as a nature park. More than 7,000 signatures were collected by volunteers to put Measure AA on the ballot.

"The celebration is free and open to everyone who enjoys Fairview Park," said FPPA president Dr. Richard Mehren. "Fairview Park is in full bloom, and we want to celebrate this very important victory for Costa Mesa."

"We needed Measure AA to protect the unique biological and archaeological resource in Fairview Park, as well as the Orange County Model Engineers model railroad which is enjoyed by generations of children and families."

At 9 a.m. professional biologist Robb Hamilton will lead a tour of Fairview Park. Those interested in the tour should meet on the east side next to the railroad.

Free live steam and other types of hobby train rides will be offered by the Orange County Model Engineers from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be hands-on instructional demonstration given by UCI Professor Devon Bradley, Ph. D. of Irvine Valley College on how to use the "iNaturalist" app, a database that allows you to upload and record plant life and wildlife in Fairview Park and beyond using just your cell phone.

FPPA members will be available to share information about volunteer membership in FPPA and future Fairview Park projects open to volunteers.

Measure AA provided Costa Mesans the opportunity to vote for or against significant developments planned for the park. Fairview Park is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a sacred burial ground for Native Americans who inhabited Fairview for thousands of years. Many rare artifacts have been found from their time in the park.

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