



# EMERALD KEEPERS

For an Emerald Green, Ocean Blue Coronado

## COMMUNITY PULLS TOGETHER

Last week, the high school Emerald Keepers Club compost was vandalized, but thanks to our caring community, the composting was rejuvenated and planter boxes filled with soil. A police report was filed, CUSD finished grading the site and laying the decomposed granite walkways, EDCO donated 13.6 cubic yards of soil, and volunteers stepped up to help shovel and fill the club's 13 planter boxes. Thank you, Coronado.

"I want to thank Laura Wilkinson Sinton for calling EDCO to get the soil donated and for filing the police report; my husband, Dan'l Steward, who left work to come help me fill some of the big boxes on Friday; and Brad Willis and Laura Plumb who stopped by to help. A huge shout out to Brad for creating the video he posted on social media asking for help on Saturday. The outpouring of support from our community honestly brought me to tears." - Amy Steward, President, Emerald Keepers.



"We've grown an amazing little community while working at the garden these past few months. Every weekend we've come out, I've watched these students push their limits. They've embraced every challenge while composting over 650 pounds of waste. They've gotten their hands dirty, carried hundreds of pounds of old produce and soil, and have approached it all with an unbreakable spirit. I'm so proud of them, and I can't wait to watch the garden flourish under their care." - DaniRose Hill, Co-Adviser, CHS Emerald Keepers Club

"For those of you who might not know, we had a devastating week last week when our compost we worked on for weeks was destroyed, but we all came together. This is just so amazing to see so many people come out here — especially the police, Ms. Hill's students, and the community after hearing about what happened, just because they wanted to help. It is just amazing to know that we stuck with it. I am just so grateful and proud to live here!" - Journey Bliss, CHS Emerald Keepers Club



"The reason why I am out here is because I took the original (police) report and when I saw all this (soil) was donated, I thought it would be a good way to me to come full circle and see it through — see it all come together." - Officer M. Conlon, Coronado Police Department

"It has been very influential on my life because I want to start my own composting bin. It makes me more aware of how much we are wasting as a society. Using our waste for good is just so positive." - Bree Finnegan, CHS Emerald Keepers Club



"We spent about two hours working in the garden to fill all the planter boxes with 13 cubic yards of amended soil donated by EDCO. It was really heartwarming to see the community come together — multiple police officers, moms with children, CHS Emerald Keepers Club and some of my students. It was an outpouring of support for the kids who have worked so hard over the past two months." - Laura Hill, CHS Adviser, Emerald Keepers Club

## Golden Sands and Pristine Seas: A Coronado Walking Tour

This one-of-a-kind beach tour by Emerald Keepers originates at Stan's Beach (Shores boardwalk above the parking lot) and ends at Dog Beach. Get in touch with your inner marine scientist, conservationists, and historian on a free walking tour like no other at one of the top beaches in

the United States. As you walk along this 1.5-mile stretch of beach, you'll hear about the area, the ocean, and the flora and fauna that live there. And discover how you can become an Emerald Keeper — one who cares for and protects the beach and ocean. Fun for the whole family!

**HOW TO GET ON THE TOUR:** Scan the QR code, tap the price, create an account and download the tour. Or use the VoiceMapp from the App Store or Google Play, create an account, select San Diego, California from the list of cities and select the Golden Sands and Pristine Seas and tap on free. Enjoy!



Brian Lippe

### CLIMATE SURVEY

Please take this short survey about climate change by May 15th. It only takes a few minutes and assesses local Coronado environmental perspectives and expectations.



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