



# Park Districts Report –July 2016

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting  
August 2, 2016

## SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- July is always the busiest month for the Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater. Artown brings in many different acts over the course of the month. As we are winding up the events, we have seen 1000-person crowds for at least 4 of the performances this year. The Monday night series remains the most popular, Summer Soiree under the Stars has been successful so far with a sold out crowd for the Neko Case/k.d.land/Laura Veirs show, and Reno Pops Orchestra was also at 1000-person capacity. We have three more performances, a private donor dance performance Thursday, 7/28, a big night Friday 7/29 with UB40, and the final show on 7/31 with Classical Tahoe.
- “Honest Horses” exhibit has been at the Western Heritage Interpretive Center within Bartley Ranch Park for the month of July. Park visitors have enjoyed a visual delight of these amazing wild animals we are fortunate enough to have in the great state of Nevada.
- “Evenings on the Ranch” at Bartley Ranch Park has been very successful this season. We’ve had a few crowds of over 160 guests attending the evening performance. We have our final show on 7/27 with CW and Dr. Spitmore guitar and jug.
- Galena Creek Park’s Camp WeChMe has been very busy all month. During the weekdays, our partners at the Great Basin Institute have had residential camp for kids and the weekends make a great venue for weddings. The Fish Hatchery is also booked all weekend days for weddings as well. All group picnic areas are busy with reservations.
- Bowers Pool has been busy all summer, and particularly this last week with high temperatures and a great place for families to cool down during the hot summer days. The pool will be open daily until Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Bowers Mansion has been open on weekends since Memorial Day weekend, enticing visitors to enter and hear the amazing stories of the Comstock and the Bowers Family. Tours are every Saturday and Sunday through October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 11am-4pm, on the hour.
- Davis Creek Park has had numerous weekends this summer in which the campground has been at full capacity. Staff is doing a great job keeping up with the high demand for a great campground close to Reno.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Hawkins Amphitheater continues with 13 performance dates booked and 6 rehearsals. We will have Lake Tahoe Shakespeare, a Patagonia private company event with Mojo Green Community Health Alliance annual fundraiser, the Sierra Nevada Performing Arts rendition of the Wizard of Oz, and finally the Sierra Nevada Performing Arts Association fundraiser adding one addition performance for 3 nights of tribute bands – country tribute to Tim McGraw, rock and roll tribute to Heart, and classic rock tribute to Chicago.
- This year is the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Bowers Mansion Bluegrass Festival scheduled for August 13.
- Reno 5000 will put on their third race in the series of three races – all within Washoe County Parks. This third run will be staged at Bowers Mansion Park on Sunday, August 28.
- Campfire programs at Galena Creek Park have been going well. Average attendance on Friday evenings at about 75 park patrons enjoying a wide variety of performances at Eagle Meadow within the park. They are scheduled through Friday, August 12.



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## **NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Vista Outdoor hosted a very successful dealer appreciation shoot at the Regional Shooting Facility on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The company's widely known and respected brands include: Federal Premium, Bushnell, Savage Arms, BLACKHAWK!, Primos, Final Approach, Uncle Mike's, Hoppe's, RCBS, Alliant Powder, CCI, Speer, Champion Targets, Gold Tip Arrows, Weaver Optics, Outers, Bolle, Cebe, and Serengeti. The group was very impressed with the facility and its amenities. Events like this one help promote not only our facilities but Washoe County in general.
- There were over 60 picnics in the Pah Rah and Peavine Districts in July.
- A Porsche car show will be held at Rancho on 7/31. While a relatively small event, it does bring in some pretty nice cars.
- "The Mountain Picassos: Basque Arboryglyphs of the Great Basin" is on display at the Visitor Center at Rancho San Rafael. Park Ranger Marie Fong worked with the Nevada Arts Council to bring this interesting and educational exhibit to the park.
- Park staff, including planners Cheryl Surface and Dennis Troy, met with members of Carson City Parks staff to go over the Lizard Peak Disc Course at Sun Valley. Carson is planning on putting in a disc course.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Ranger staff will continue to host "Ranching at Rancho" on Saturdays in the Nevada Farms and Families area at Rancho, 10am-1pm.
- The last of the Summer Concert Series at Lazy 5 will take place on August 10.

# Volunteer Report

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## July 2016 Highlights

- The National Federation of State High School Associations participated in a group service project at Hidden Valley Regional Park on Saturday, July 2. The diverse group of 42 volunteers from all over the country was attending a conference downtown, and happily spent three hours of their day giving back to our community despite the fact that not a single participant was a Nevadan. In addition to their time spent building split rail fencing, weeding, and raking paths, the group also donated almost \$1,000 towards split rail and supplies.
- Fifty employees from the local Maurice Sporting Goods warehouse chose to spend their “Maurice Cares Day”, Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, volunteering at Galena Creek Regional Park. The group cheerfully arrived at 6:30am so that they would be able to return to work by lunchtime, and spent the day rebuilding a trail, trimming vegetation around picnic areas, and even dug a small trench. Before the day ended, Park Ranger Andy Brown treated them to a ranger lead hike. They were an exceptionally hard working group and we look forward to their promised return next year!
- The UNR Division of Student Services staff also volunteered on the morning of Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. The group of 16 worked diligently at Bartley Ranch Regional Park to plant trees, pull weeds, and spread road base. The outing was part of an initiative at UNR to involved not just students, but staff, in giving back to the community.

## July Volunteer Hours/Value:

In 2015 during the month of July, Rancho San Rafael had over 400 hours from Summer Youth Employment and an Eagle Scout with over 300 hours. Otherwise, volunteer numbers were up almost across the board for July 2016.

	<b>July 2016</b>	<b>July 2015</b>	<b>% Increase</b>	<b>Total for YTD 2016</b>	<b>Compared to YTD 2015</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
# of Volunteer Hrs	1,702.5	2,038.75	-16.5%	11,679.5	17,056.25	-31.5%
# of Intern Hrs	269	157	71.3%	1,690.25	1,815.25	-6.9%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$46,448.54	\$50,658.26	-8.3%	\$314,991.31	\$444,612.54	-29.2%

\*The hourly rate of \$23.56 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by [www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org).

## Upcoming Events

- Volunteer Coordinator, Denise Evans, will be attending training on a new online recruiting platform for matching volunteer opportunities with students at the University of Nevada, Reno. She will also be attending a “Servicepalooza” volunteer faire on campus on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Planning is underway for the 2016 Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful River Cleanup day which will take place this year on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Crossroads in partnership with Washoe County Parks work crews

- Total number of participants/volunteers from June 12 – July 13: 78

# Board of County Commissioners Action

## June 2016

### July 12, 2016

- Approve a Reimbursement Agreement between Washoe County and Ryder Homes of Northern Nevada for reimbursement to Ryder Homes [\$53,820.00] for construction of an effluent pipeline extension; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (Commission District 2.)
- Approve a Roadway Dedication to convey real property, a portion of APN 142-011-07 (totaling .64 acres) for use as a public street right-of-way to the City of Reno; and if approved, direct the Clerk's Office to record the Roadway Dedication. (Commission District 2.)
- Approve a donation of five acres of real property from Spanish Springs Associates (HAWCO Development Company) to Washoe County, including a portion of APN 532-091-09 for use as a public park; and if approved, authorize the Director of Community Services to execute all associated documents upon completion by Spanish Springs Associates. (Commission District 4.)

### July 26, 2016

- Possible action to approve the appointment of Charles Guffey to the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission representing Commission District 1 to fill a term beginning on July 26, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2020, or until such time as a successor is appointed. (Commission District 1.)



# Park Planning and Development

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## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

### Ballardini Ranch Trail connection to Thomas Creek

- Funded by 2000 WC-1 Bond and SNPLMA.
- Layout and design of connector from Ballardini Ranch to Thomas Creek completed.
- Sierra Trail Works has been contracted to construct the first few miles of new trail. Construction will begin after fire season.

### Galena Terrace Park

- Project in cooperation with Galena Terrace Homeowners Association to construct new playground facility that will be managed and maintained by HOA.
- Final design of the park has been selected.
- Design and Construction agreement and Maintenance Agreement has been forwarded to Galena Terrace Maintenance Association for review by their legal counsel

### Land and Water Conservation Fund

- Grant for resurfacing of the playground at the South Valley Regional Park received and accepted by the BCC May 10, 2016. This will replace the existing wood chip surfacing with a rubberized material.

### Lemon Valley Park Playground Resurfacing

- Project under construction
- Completion date mid August

### Eagle Canyon Park Playground

- Project expected to go out to bid Summer/Fall 2016

### Gator Swamp Park Playground

- Project expected to go out to bid Summer/Fall 2016

### NDF Medusahead Grant

Project on-going. Meeting with Nevada Department of Wildlife scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss Interlocal Agreement to receive additional NDOW funding to expand the project. Bid Fall 2016.

### North Valleys Playground Rehabilitation (south playground)

- Project completed May 25, 2016 and park is open

### Playground Resurfacing

- Project awarded to Spanish Springs Construction, substantial completion on August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 10 sports courts County wide to be resurfaced
- Hidden Valley pickle ball resurfacing
- New Washoe City Park, Golden Valley Park, Forest Park, MLK Jr. Park, Wilson Commons Park.
- Pennington fund grant

### Truckee River – One River Plan

- The One Truckee River Management Plan will manage, protect and provide stewardship for the Truckee River across all jurisdictional boundaries. Nevada Land Trust and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful will act as lead agencies with the assistance and cooperation of a large Truckee River stakeholder group to fundraise and develop the plan.
- Cheryl Surface is leading the Recreation Team
- Funding provided through Washoe County State Question 1 Program

### On Our Way Grants – ALL PROJECTS COMPLETED AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

- \$53,500 Grant received to complete a signage master plan and produce two logo designs for the SR-28 National Scenic Corridor and the Stateline-to-Stateline –Shared-Use Path. Wood Rodgers hired to complete Signage Master Plan. PROJECT COMPLETE
- \$10,000 Grant received to hire a consulting firm to survey residents living in Washoe County to ascertain their willingness to pay to park for the day and what their preferred price point would be. PROJECT COMPLETE
- \$42,500 Grant to supplement the SR 431 Mount Rose Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan. PROJECT COMPLETE

### Stateline to Stateline Bikeway – Tahoe East Shore Trail

- Name of the project has been adopted as the Tahoe East Shore Trail per the Signage Master Plan completed by Wood Rodgers.
- Granite construction awarded Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) by Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for construction of 3 mile of trail and parking facilities. 100% plan sets under review. Construction to begin late summer 2016.
- Groundbreaking scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> at Sand Harbor Boat Ramp.

### Sun Valley Trail Enhancement Project

- Project received funding from the Recreational Trails Program. Project includes OHV trail closures and trail rehabilitation submitted for Sun Valley Regional Park, based on trails plan produced by NV Trail Works.
- Agreement with Great Basin Institute being developed.
- Project to begin October 2016

### Truckee Meadows Trails Guide Republication

- Project Completed.
- Guides being distributed

### Wilbur May Arboretum Greenhouse Project

- Special Use Permit submitted to the City of Reno
- City of Reno Planning Commission on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for decision

### North Valleys Trail Project

- Funding received from Recreational Trails Program to construct new trail and trailhead adjacent to North Valleys Phase V Expansion
- Project to begin Fall 2016

### North Valleys Phase V Expansion

- Funding agreement with City of Reno Complete (\$1,000,000)
- Design work underway with LUMOS and Associates, County design contractor
- Project out to bit Fall of 2016
- Dirt work to commence winter of 2016/2017

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