



# Park Districts Report –April/May 2016

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

June 7, 2016

## SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- We had several Infrastructure Preservation park projects completed in the last two months. The projects have been needed for quite some time and we are thankful for their completion. They include:
  - New western boundary fencing at Bowers Mansion Park (IP)
  - Paving at the south parking lot of Bowers Mansion Park (WC-1)
  - Paving at Bartley Ranch Park – from main building to amphitheater (Roads IP)
- Bartley Ranch Park hosted 2 runs and the Downtown River Run went through 3 of our 4 parks along the Truckee River.
- The campground is fully open and had an extremely busy Memorial Day weekend. Davis Pond is full and open for fishing after two years of being completely dry from the drought.
- Galena Creek Park has a logging operation on the North side being managed by the USFS. The south side also has a logging operation being managed by NDF in partnership with Washoe County Parks staff. This is a project that has been grant funded for the past 3 years and we recently found out we were awarded another round of funding, so the project will continue until 2019.
- Bowers Mansion opened to the public in May 21, 2016. We combined to opening day with a Civil War Re-enactment with open house tours throughout the day. The Mansion will be open each Saturday, Sunday and holiday with tours from 10am-4pm, on the top of the hour. Admission prices are as follows: adults \$8, seniors (62+) and kids (6-17) \$5, kids under 5 free.
- “Programs on the Porch” kicked off Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> with Sagebrush Rebels. Programs are free and begin at 7pm each Friday evening through June 10.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bowers Mansion Pool is set to open on June 10. We have sufficient staffing levels and our recreation coordinator, temporary recreation specialist, and guard staff has been working hard draining, cleaning, and filling the pool in preparation for opening day.
- The Hawkins Amphitheater will see its first performance on June 2. Currently, we have over 50 shows and rehearsals scheduled for 2016. Some highlight programs for June are the Care Chest fundraiser, the Food Bank fundraiser, and Chautauqua.
- Campfire Programs at Galena Creek Park will once again be managed by the Park Ranger staff after a 7 year hiatus due to staffing. We are thankful that our partners from GBI and the Galena Visitors Center took these programs on for us during that time and we look forward to being able to coordinate and staff those once again. Programs will be from June 17 through August 12. They begin at 8pm and last about an hour. A \$3/person donation is suggested and appreciated!
- “Honest Horses” exhibit is making its way back to Bartley Ranch Park for the month of July. From July 1-July 31 from 8am – 5pm, park visitors can enjoy 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 will begin on July 6 and taken place each Wednesday evening at 7pm. During this time, our Historic Ranch Heritage Preserve will be open for the public to enjoy as well as the exhibit in the Western Heritage Interpretive Center.



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## NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Staff has been monitoring the Regional Archery Facility's use by Silver Arrow Bowmen. We are going to be working with them on a travel plan and possible change of agreements to streamline their use of the facility and offer more protection to the resource.
- The following special events were held in April and May:
  - Lacrosse Tournament at North Valleys—4/9/16
  - Explore the Outdoors in conjunction with KNPB at the Nevada Farms and Family area at Rancho San Rafael—4/16/16
  - The Purple Pinky Polio Run at Rancho—4/23/16
  - Paws in the Park at Rancho—4/29/16
  - Battleborn Enduro bike race at the NFF—5/14/16
  - 50/50 ½ Marathon cross country race at the NFF—5/21/16
  - Classic Chevys Summer Salute Car Show at Rancho—5/28/16
  - Wildland Firefighter marathon at Rancho—5/29/16
- The Regional Shooting Facility had a new audio system installed for better communication with shooters. Star Sound installed new amps, mixers, and wireless headsets so staff can make announcements from anywhere on the line instead of just the booth. This increases safety at the range.
- Ranching at Rancho began on Saturday 5/28/16. This popular and free event is held most Saturdays through November in the Nevada Farms and Families area. Different local ranches and farms bring animals for the kids to enjoy and the Discovery Room is open using volunteers.
- Athletic field use is in full swing.
- North Valleys Splash Park and Melio Gaspari Water Play Park opened for the Memorial Day weekend. The new staff was great but there were some complications involving the ability to take credit cards. Staff is working on that for the next weekend.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/5/16—NV State Championships 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Peavine Challenge at Rancho
- 6/11/16—Kite Festival at Rancho
- The very popular Summer Concert Series at Lazy 5 Regional Park will start on Wednesday, June 15. The series will run on Wednesday evenings into August.
- There are currently 62 pavilion reservations scheduled for June in the Peavine and Pah Rah Ranger Districts. This does not include first come, first serve areas.
- The exhibit "The Mountain Picassos: Basque Arborglyphs of the Great Basin" will be on display in the Rancho San Rafael Visitor Center through July. Ranger staff coordinated once again with the Nevada Arts Council to bring this exhibit to the Visitor Center.



# Volunteer Report

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## March/April/May 2016 Highlights

- *March* – Washoe County Parks partnered with UNR’s Center for Student Engagement to provide volunteer sites for the annual “Greeks in the Streets” event. Bartley Ranch, Sun Valley Regional Park, and Rancho San Rafael participated. Bartley and Rancho focused primarily on weed removal and the Sun Valley volunteers worked to begin to clean up the entry point to the Sun Valley OHV area at the end of Chimney Road. Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful provided the dumpsters at no charge. We were very happy with what was accomplished, however turnout was much lower than the previous year.
- *April/ May* – The May Arboretum held a successful community cleanup on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> with 34 volunteers attending to prepare for spring by raking leaves throughout the Arboretum. There were also several Adopt-A-Park cleanups, Starbucks held two cleanups for Earth Day, Geocachers enjoyed a fun event and cleanup day at Crystal Peak Park, and dozens of volunteers were used throughout Rancho San Rafael Park for “Explore the Outdoors” in partnership with KNPB.
- The Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Great Community Cleanup was another great success this year with 280 volunteers placed at Washoe County properties. Ambrose, Dorostkar, Hidden Valley Regional, Lockwood, North Valleys Regional, Sun Valley OHV, and Swan Lake were the participating locations.

### March Volunteer Hours/Value:

Hours were relatively flat across the different parks in March, however Rancho San Rafael had a much larger group for Greek Week in 2015, as well as a large carpentry project with Job Corp.

	March 2016	March 2015	% Increase	Total for YTD 2016	Compared to YTD 2015	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	2,483.25	3,112.5	-20.2%	4,023.25	4,873.5	-17.4%
# of Intern Hrs	412	559	-26.3%	734.75	816.5	-10.0%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$68,212.09	\$82,792.33	-17.6%	\$112,098.48	\$128,309.50	-12.6%

### April Volunteer Hours/Value:

Hours were again relatively consistent from year to year in April with the exception of a large project completed at Rancho San Rafael by the Summer Youth Employment program in 2015 totaling close to 800 hours.

	April 2016	April 2015	% Increase	Total for YTD 2016	Compared to YTD 2015	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	1,611.25	2,520.75	-36.1%	5,634.5	7,394.25	-23.8%
# of Intern Hrs	358.5	310.25	15.5%	1,093.25	1,126.75	-3.0%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$46,407.31	\$65,311.17	-28.9%	\$158,505.79	\$192,148.55	-17.5%

### May Volunteer Hours/Value:

Hours are down compared to 2015 due to another large Job Corp welding and concrete project at Rancho San Rafael, as well as several Eagle Scout projects at various parks. Intern hours fluctuate based on individual Job Corp and Children's Cabinet intern availability. These numbers should increase in June.

	May 2016	May 2015	% Increase	Total for YTD 2016	Compared to YTD 2015	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	2,708.25	4,127.00	-34.4%	8,342.75	11,521.25	-27.6%
# of Intern Hrs	56	233.5	-76.0%	1,149.25	1,360.25	-15.5%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$65,125.73	\$100,596.73	-35.3%	\$223,631.52	\$290,477.82	-23.0%

\*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 events will sometimes taper off during the summer depending on the heat, but we already have several one day volunteer groups lined up for June and July, as well as several Adopt-A-Park cleanups. Volunteering is also expected to continue to remain strong with the individual Arboretum volunteers, Bowers docents, Golf Marshals, Discovery Room volunteers and the Galena Creek Visitor Center.

### Crossroads in partnership with Washoe County Parks work crews

- Total number of participants/volunteers from February 25 – March 31: 129
- Total number of participants/volunteers from April 1 – April 30: 116
- Total number of participants/volunteers from May 1 – May 15: 61



# Park Planning and Development

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## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

### Arrowcreek Open Space Fuels Reduction Project

- Project complete. 24 acres of open space between Saddlehorn and Arrowcreek received fuel reduction treatment.

### 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 is in draft review. Contractor is Donald Hays Trail Contractor, Inc.
- Request for quotes in process

### 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

### Gator Swamp Park Playground

- Project expected to go out to bid Fall 2016
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### NDF Medusahead Grant

Project on-going. Meeting held with Nevada Division of Forestry May 24, 2016 to scope project for 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

- \$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 completion date anticipated to be June 30 2016.
- \$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

- The Tahoe Transportation District and the Federal Highway Administration's Central Federal Lands Division have completed the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) grant Project Agreement approved by the WC Board of County Commissioner's November 12<sup>th</sup>. This agreement establishes the partnership between the agencies and the federal funding for the Bikeway project.
- Granite construction awarded Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) by Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for construction of 3 mile of trail and parking facilities. 60% plan sets under review. Construction to begin late summer 2016.

#### 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.

#### Truckee Meadows Trails Guide Republication

- \$88,000 grant received from Managers office to update and republish the Trails Guide
- GIS consultant hired through Manpower to GPS trails and obtain maintenance data
- RGJ hired to produce 110,000 copies of updated trail guide to be delivered June 27, 2016.
- Project completion date: June 30, 2016

#### Wilbur May Arboretum Greenhouse Project

- Special Use Permit submitted to the City of Reno
- City of Reno Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- City of Reno Planning Commission on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for decision

#### 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

## **Board of County Commissioners Action March, April and May 2016**

### **March 22, 2016**

Approve Lease Agreements for three parks concession buildings located at South Valleys Regional Park (Washoe Little League lessee), Eagle Canyon Park (Spanish Springs Cal Ripken lessee) and Lemmon Valley Park (Valley Providence Little League lessee); and one parks storage building at South Valleys Regional Park (Washoe Little League lessee) for 60-month terms commencing April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2021 with two 12-month renewal options. (Commission Districts 2, 4 and 5.)

Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding North Valleys Regional Park Phase Five Project Funding between the City of Reno and Washoe County [Total Agreement Amount: \$2.2 million – City of Reno share is \$1 million funded by Residential Construction Tax and Washoe County share is \$1.2 million funded by Sierra Sage Golf Course Water Rights Proceeds]; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (Commission District 5.)

### **April 12, 2016**

Recommendation to award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder for the Lemmon Valley Park Playground Rehabilitation project [staff recommends Building Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$124,594.35]; and approval of a [separate \$20,000 project contingency fund]. (Commission District 5.)

### **May 10, 2016**

Accept a Land & Water Conservation Fund grant, administered through Nevada State Parks for the South Valley's Playground Resurfacing Project [award amount of \$91,207.50 with a required match of \$91,207.50 in Residential Construction Tax funds] with a term to December 31, 2018; and authorize the Community Services Department Director to sign the grant agreement and all associated documents on behalf of the County; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (Commission District 2.)

### **May 24, 2016**

Accept cash donations [\$77,926.61] from various businesses, organizations and individuals and acknowledge in-kind donations for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)

Discussion on and possible action on operation, maintenance, and management of Washoe Golf Course and possible direction on options including, but not limited to: extension of existing agreement up to the allowable 6 month period; preparation of a Request for Proposals/Request for Qualifications for future full golf course operations, maintenance and management; negotiation of an agreement for the full operation and maintenance of Washoe Golf Course with operators of local publicly-owned golf courses; negotiation of a new contract with Bell-Men Golf, Inc. for full operation, maintenance, and management of Washoe County Golf Course ; or otherwise direct staff on how to proceed with Washoe Golf Course. (Commission District 1.)