



Park Districts Report –June 2016

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
July 5, 2016

SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Dorostkar Park was a relay point for the Race 178, the Reno Tahoe Odyssey on Friday, June 3rd. The race lasts for 2 days and takes runners from downtown Reno, up to and around Lake Tahoe and back.
- “Programs on the Porch” continued through June 10 with a few musical performances for folks to enjoy.
- Bowers Pool opened on Saturday, June 11th. It will be open daily from 12noon-5pm (and until 7pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays). Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for kids and seniors. Many company picnics take advantage of the pool for their summer festivities and include swimming as part of the picnic celebration.
- Washoe County Parks co-sponsored the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District’s Kids Fire Camp. This is the third year of the camp. It provided youth in the local area a chance to learn what it takes to be a fire fighter. The camp took place June 13-16.
- Galena Creek Park’s Ranger staff will again host the Campfire Programs on Friday nights. Programs begin at 8pm. Programs will be every Friday from June 17 through August 12. Please join us for an evening of marshmallow roasting and a variety of entertainment under the stars. A suggested \$3 donation will help pay performers and raise money for future park programming.
- Hidden Valley Park hosted a 5K, 10K, and half marathon on June 26th, organized by Reno 5000. There were over 600 running enthusiasts racing that summer morning.
- The campground at Davis Creek Park has seen a 50% increase in visitation from June of 2015. We think a full pond with fishing may have played a role in the attendance increase.
- The Hawkins Amphitheater is officially in business for the season. June brought in two ceremonies, two fundraisers, a church service, a company picnic, and four nights of Chautauqua.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July is the busiest month for the Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater. Artown brings in many different acts over the course of the month. We will host an event 17 days/nights of the month.
- “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**

- 6/5/16—NV State Championships 23rd Annual Peavine Challenge at Rancho. About one hundred bike riders left Rancho for Peavine Mountain in this annual bike race which is hosted by Reno Wheelmen.
- 6/11/16—The Kite Festival at Rancho drew between 3500-4000 spectators and participants.
- The very popular Summer Concert Series at Lazy 5 Regional Park continues on Wednesdays evenings into August.
- The exhibit “The Mountain Picassos: Basque Arbor glyphs 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.
- Picnic reservations continue to be strong.
- Both splash parks are doing well. The weather has, for the most part, been cooperating with only 2 days of shutting down early due to lightning and wind.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- We are hitting a much needed lull in special events in July. Picnic pavilion and building reservations continue to be strong.
- Ranger staff will continue to host “Ranching at Rancho” on Saturdays in the Nevada Farms and Families area at Rancho, 10am-1pm.
- Ranger staff continues to work on projects such as trail maintenance and weed removal as time permits.
- Vista Outdoor is hosting a dealer appreciation shoot at the Regional Shooting Facility on July 18th and 19th. 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. This event will do much to promote Washoe County’s Regional Shooting Facility.



May Center Report – June 2016

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May Arboretum Report

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Horticulturist, Bill Carlos led the first inaugural, “Walking with Washoe” tour. County Manager, John Slaughter opened the series by welcoming the 22 people in attendance. The tour started at the west entrance of the garden and ended at top of Lear Garden that overlooks Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, the Sierra Nevada Mountain range and Peavine Mountain.
- ◆ Staff has been assisting Washoe County’s adopted school program, Glenn Duncan Elementary, with their children’s garden, offering expertise with the irrigation, pest control and garden design. Bill Carlos will also assist with the coordinating the volunteer effort.
- ◆ The Annual Membership Plant Sale was held Friday evening, June 3rd from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. It opened to the public June 4th from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Nearly all 3,000 plants were sold. Proceeds from the sale benefit the May Arboretum and the Society.
- ◆ The final stages of the Arboretum fencing project, Phase III & IV, were postponed until the first week of July. Funding for the project was provided by private donations, May Foundation (\$44,650.00) and Tim and Julie Gregory (\$40,000.00). Phase II & IV will complete the enclosure of the Arboretum, and the Arboretum will remain open during regular park hours.
- ◆ The May Arboretum Society held their “Music in the Garden” concert in Honey’s Garden on June 19th and featured Tahoe's Barefoot Flute Trio. The next concert is August 21st. Please visit the Society’s website at www.mayarboretumsociety.org for events and workshops.
- ◆ Kristen’s Garden is being transformed into a shade garden. The upgrade is part of a 4 phase project. Funding for phase 1 was provided by the May Arboretum Society (MAS) for electrical work and a new water feature (\$10,000). Phase 2 will include excavation, mounding, irrigation, rock work and planting (MAS donation of \$13,000). Phase 3 will include pavers (additional \$20,000) and phase and 4 (estimate \$6,000) will be comprised of numerous botanical markers, plant accession/mapping and interpretation.
- ◆ The Plaza Garden is schedule to receive a new water feature by the end of July in memory of longtime supporter and activist for the May Arboretum, Nancy Peppin. Nancy passed away earlier this this year and was one of the initial Arboretum volunteers. Funding for the feature and installation are provided by family, friends and the May Arboretum Society.
- ◆ Several new trees were planted this past month. Some of the trees are replacement donor trees that were destroyed during the November 2015 storm. In addition, new donor trees and experimental trees, were planted to enhance the plant collection. Tree genus include: *Nyssa*, *Malus*, *Gymnocladus* and *Ginkgo*.



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Wilbur D. May Arboretum Volunteers

- ◆ May Arboretum Society (MAS) and Arboretum volunteers recorded 512.00 hours this past month, for a total value of \$11,562.00.
- ◆ Sierra Nevada Job Corps logged 128 hours, for a total value of \$2,886.40.
- ◆ Children’s Cabinet intern recorded 80 hours, for a total value of \$1,804.00.
- ◆ Total volunteer hours for June of 2016 are 720.75, for a total value of \$16,252.00.
- ◆ This fiscal year the Arboretum has recorded 5,744.00 of volunteers hours, for a total value of \$129,542.00.

Job Corps & Children’s Cabinet

- ◆ A new intern from the Children’s Cabinet started at the Arboretum and will work until the end of summer. All Sierra Nevada Job Corps interns and Children’s Cabinet interns are managed and trained by the horticulture assistant, Phil Brazier.

Wilbur D. May Arboretum Visitors

- ◆ In June the Arboretum had 5,062 visitors with an average daily visitor count of 168 per day.
- ◆ Total visitors from the south entrance were 3,031 with an average daily visitor of 101 per day.
- ◆ Total visitors from the west entrance were 2,012 with an average daily visitor count of 67 per day.
- ◆ Total visitor count for calendar year is to date is 49,277.

MASTER SUMMARY

Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ADT [†]	ADT [†] x365	Days with data
2016	So.Arbo Entrance ^D	1,521	2,359	2,353	3,333	2,814*	3,031*							83.942	30,723	173
	West Arbo Entrance ^D	846	1,199	893	2,140	2,297*	2,013*							50.694	18,554	173

ADT[†] = Average Daily Traffic

* = based upon that month's ADT **Learn more** Indicates months with less than 6 days of data.

^A = adjustment applied, ^D = divide by 2 applied, ^F = filtering applied



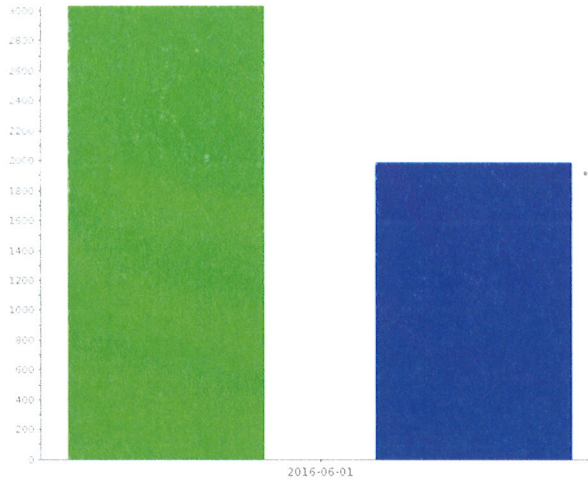
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Monthly* Totals Report

Covering 1 months from 2016-06-01 to 2016-06-30

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Site Name	Average	Min	Max
So.Arbo Entrance ^D	3,031.3	3,031.3	3,031.3
West Arbo Entrance ^D	2,012.6	2,012.6	2,012.6

^A = adjustment applied, ^D = divide by 2 applied, ^F = filtering applied
 * Based on Average Daily Traffic (ADT)

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Arboretum Tours

- ◆ Staff and volunteers provided an environmental station tour to 126 3rd grade students from Spanish Springs Elementary school and to 67 1st grade students from Ester Bennet Elementary school that included a hands-on interactive educational program to teach children about the Sierra Nevada Mountain Ranges, the Great Basin native flora and fauna, wetland ecosystem and ancient living tree fossils. This hands-on learning experience has gained popularity in Washoe County School District.
- ◆ Over 25 people from the Carson City Senior Center attended an hour long tour through the Arboretum.

Wilbur D. May Arboretum Memorials

- ◆ Phase III & IV of the Labyrinth Garden memorial was completed this past month. Nearly 50 new plants were added to the Arboretum plant collection, most are herbaceous woody flowering perennials and two memorial stones were placed in the garden.

May Arboretum Society Upcoming Events

- ◆ The May Arboretum society will hold their Second Annual Lavender Day event on Saturday, July 9th from 9:30am to 1:00pm. There will be demonstrations on harvesting and using lavender in recipes, oils and more. Different varieties of lavender plants will be available for purchase, with Master Gardeners accessible to offer tips on growing lavender in Northern Nevada. In addition there will have a variety of edible and non-edible products made or infused with lavender and locally made lavender products by Dragonfly Bath and Body.
- ◆ The Children's Book Writer workshop will be held Sunday, July 10th from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Ranch House
- ◆ Arborist Training will be held September 19-23, 2016
- ◆ The May Center Pumpkin Walk will be held October 15, 2016, 5:00pm to 9:00 pm. and is a ticketed event.

Volunteer Report

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June 2016 Highlights

- The Arboretum is now an official partner agency for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). We kicked off the partnership with a group cleanup with 10 RSVP members that had an interest in becoming regular volunteers at the Arboretum. After the event, RSVP set up a picnic lunch and invited the current Arboretum volunteers to attend. Everyone enjoyed the day and RSVP decided to make it an annual event. So far, one volunteer from the event has started volunteering at the Arboretum regularly.
- Lazy 5 Regional Park has a group of approximately 6-10 youth who are missionaries for the LDS church who volunteer at the park on a weekly basis. The LDS Church is encouraging their missionaries to volunteer at Washoe County parks during off hours, with the hopes of eventually expanding the partnership to additional parks.
- The Rancho San Rafael park rangers and Arboretum staff continue to have one Job Corp Intern assigned to them for 8 week cycles whenever available. The Arboretum has also recently interviewed and hired an additional employee/intern from the Children's Cabinet named Carlos Martinez. The Children's Cabinet will fund Carlos' wages for 20 hours per week for the next 5 months. One of the Arboretum's Children's Cabinet employees from last summer, Jake Minard, was hired back by the Arboretum as a full time Washoe County seasonal employee this year.

June Volunteer Hours/Value:

Last year during the month of June, there were two large LDS Church groups at Bartley Ranch and Rancho San Rafael, along with over 700 hours from Summer Youth Employment equating to a large amount of total hours. This June, we still have a comparable amount of volunteer groups but less overall volunteers.

	June 2016	June 2015	% Increase	Total for YTD 2016	Compared to YTD 2015	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	1,634.25	3,186.5	-48.7%	9,977	14,707.75	-32.2%
# of Intern Hrs	272	298	-8.7%	1,421.25	1,658.25	-14.3%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$44,911.25	\$80,387.42	-44.1%	\$268,542.77	\$370,865.24	-27.6%

*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.

Upcoming Events

- There are several volunteer groups on the calendar for the month of July including: a group with the National Federation of State High School Associations at Hidden Valley, Maurice Sporting Goods at Galena Creek Regional Park, a church group at South Valleys, and several other pending.

Crossroads in partnership with Washoe County Parks work crews

- Total number of participants/volunteers from May 16 – June 11: 54



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 is in draft review. Contractor is Donald Hays Trail Contractor, Inc.
- 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 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 4th.
- 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

- Granite construction awarded Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) by Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for construction of 3 mile of trail and parking facilities. 90% 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.
- Project to begin October 2016

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 116,000 copies of updated trail guide to be delivered July 2016
- Project completion date: June 30, 2016

Wilbur May Arboretum Greenhouse Project

- Special Use Permit submitted to the City of Reno
- City of Reno Planning Commission on July 6th, 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 June 2016

June 21, 2016

Approve a Renewal of Lease Agreement for Joe Mitchell Community Center between Washoe County and the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows retroactive to June 1, 2016 and through May 31, 2021, to continue year-round youth services at the Joe Mitchell Community Center located in Lemmon Valley; and if approved, authorize the Community Services Director to execute the Renewal of Lease Agreement. (Commission District 5.)

June 28, 2016

Approve an Employee Residence Agreement between Washoe County and Robert R. Brown (Community Services Department, Operations Division) to allow occupancy within the County-owned residence located at Bowers Mansion Regional Park, 4005 Old Highway 395 North, Washoe Valley, Nevada. (Commission District 2.)

Approve an Employee Residence Agreement between Washoe County and Andrew M. Brown (Community Services Department, Operations Division) to allow occupancy within the County-owned residence located at Davis Creek Regional Park, 25 Davis Creek Park Road, Washoe Valley, Nevada. (Commission District 2.)