



Park Districts Report –October 2016

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

November 1, 2016

SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- The 26th annual Celtic Celebration was held at Bartley Ranch Park on October 1 & 2. The festival used the entire park for a variety of Celtic activities such as pipe bands, a heritage encampment, highland games, music and dancing, and much more. Attendance was good on Saturday and slower on Sunday due to poor weather.
- Bartley Ranch Park is hosting the “Sierra Nevada Fall Photo Exhibit”. Approximately 20 local photographers display up to 2 fall photos. We have a public and artist category of most the best photograph. The exhibit is open daily from 8am-5pm through October 31.
- Bowers Mansion Park hosted a cider press event on Saturday, October 22th at the Comstock Picnic Area. Local Washoe Valley cider makers were on hand with an apple cider press and discuss the heirloom apple trees within Bowers Mansion Park and all of Washoe Valley. There were 100 visitors associated with the event.
- Bowers Mansion tours will run through the end of October. It is open each Saturday and Sunday from 11am-4pm with tours on the top of the hour. We will also be open for tours on Friday, October 28th for Nevada Day.
- The final Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater event was on Friday, October 21st. Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation in co-sponsorship with Washoe County put on a silent movie to a live score. The movie this year was “A Night with Dr. Caligari”. After the movie, the staff along with Fleishman Planetarium volunteers guided visitors through the night sky at the park. There were 360 attendees to the event.
- Davis Creek Park has winterized the group camp areas as well as the north loop of the first come first serve section of the campground.
- Galena Creek Park is gearing up for winter. All reservable facilities have been closed for the upcoming winter season. Marilyn’s Pond will close to fishing once the pond freezes over.
- Galena Creek Park’s Park Ranger Andy Brown is hosting four fall photo hikes to capture and appreciate the lovely fall colors along several different trails in and around the Mt. Rose Highway corridor. His final hike will be on Saturday, November 5th.
- The Galena Visitor’s Center offered a fall break camp from October 3-7. They continue to offer programming for all ages throughout the year on weekends and Galena Toddlers during the middle of the week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Alta Alpina Cycling out of Gardnerville will host a cyclocross event at Davis Creek Park on Saturday, November 12. They anticipate 75 riders for the event. They ride through the closed part of the campground as well as some the trails in the park.
- Reno Wheelmen will host a cyclocross event at Hidden Valley Park on December 3 & 4. They also anticipate 75 riders for their event. They ride throughout the trails in the park as well as by the horse arena parking area.
- Bartley Ranch Park will host the “Come in from the Cold” winter family series. This will begin on Saturday, January 7th and run each Saturday through March 18th. There will be 11 programs, all begin at 7pm and run about an hour. Presenters are often music, but on occasion we have some Cowboy Poetry to change things up. Pat O’Mara has secured all presenters for the series, we look forward to another great year of programs.



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NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- The second CrossReno bicycle event was held at Rancho on October 1st. Up to 500 participants are anticipated along with several hundred spectators. While not quite as well attended as last year's event, it was still a very popular draw for bike enthusiasts.
- Zone High School Cross Country was held at Lazy 5 in October with almost 500 participants and spectators.
- CSD-Roads was able to smooth out the entry road into Swan Lake Nature Study Area. It was very much needed as the access was more of a tank trap than road!
- CSD-Roads spent two days at the Regional Shooting Facility working on the access road, parking, and IPSC shooting bays. Two of the bays are in a low spot and have become very uneven and soft over time as silt and dirt have washed into them.
- Western Nevada Pistol League held a large event on Nevada Day weekend at the Regional Shooting Facility.
- Silver Arrow Bowmen held an event at the Regional Archery Facility on October 22nd and 23rd. Staff will be working with SAB to modify their agreement with the County and address some concerns held by both parties.
- The North Valleys Splash Park was wrapped by Fast Wrap. While there is a cost to the wrap, it will help provide a longer life for the features at the park.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lazy 5 will be hosting the AAU West Coast Nationals cross country meet on Saturday, November 10th. Over 500 runners and spectators are expected for this event.
- "Meet the Turkeys" will take place in the Nevada Farms and Families area at Rancho on Saturday, November 19th. This event has been very popular in the past, providing wonderful opportunities for family pictures with turkeys, chickens, and other farm animals in a festive fall setting.



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May Arboretum Report

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The May Arboretum Society celebrated 30 years of supporting the May Arboretum and Botanical Garden. A special tree planting and luncheon was held on October 4th 2016 in the Kleiner Oak Grove in commemoration of their extended relationship with Washoe County and the May Foundation. Lynn Bethel, Tom Stille, Landscape Architect for the Arboretum, Ed Kleiner, former director of the Arboretum and former horticulturist Lynda Nelson and the Bill Carlos, Washoe County Horticulturist were special guests. Lunch was served in the Ranch House immediately after the ceremony. Assembly Woman Amber Joiner, Park Commissioner Vice Chairmen Nathan Daniels, Park Commissioner Allan Sheakley attended the event. Rod Dimmitt, May Arboretum Society Treasurer, announced a \$5 million dollar donation to the May Arboretum Endowment Fund. The donor requested a challenge match for the funds.
- ◆ Two AmeriCorps Members, started work in the Arboretum. The members are Arboretum Educators and will assist the horticulturist with the environmental educational programs, tours and publications. The interns will be managed by the horticulturist.
- ◆ The three Arboretum seasonals have finished their term.
- ◆ The arboretum continues to secure interns from the Children's Cabinet and the Nevada Youth Empowerment Project. Interns will be working with staff and seasonals. Since the Arboretum seasonal funding was cut during the recession, and the budget has not been restored, the arboretum continues to seek interns from local youth organization and AmeriCorps to fill the labor gap. Previous seasonal budget was nearly \$90,000 in 2005 which supported over 7 seasonals. Currently the county provides only \$6,000.00 for seasonal support, 1/2 of a seasonal.
- ◆ The greenhouse utility lines were installed this past month with construction scheduled to begin November 2016.
- ◆ The Arboretum secured funding from the May Foundation \$8,750.00 for a new plant record software program, Iris BG. The horticulturist has been working with Gary Ziefel, Washoe County GIS Specialist and the Iris representative to schedule a date for the data transfer and migration. The software will allow for expansion of the data base for the collection and will be relational with ARC Map GIS. Washoe County will host the app and site.
- ◆ Horticulturist continues to update the May Arboretum webpage on a monthly basis.
- ◆ The Horticulturist continues to serve as Chairmen of the May Arboretum Endowment fund committee and serve as vice president of the state wide Nevada Shade Tree Counsel.
- ◆ The horticulturist publishes monthly horticultural articles for the May Center newsletter (Botanical Bytes) and a quarterly article for the May Arboretum Society.

Wilbur D. May Arboretum Volunteers

- ◆ May Arboretum Society (MAS) and Arboretum volunteers recorded 190 hrs. of service this past month which has a value of \$4,284.00. Sierra Nevada Job Corps logged 111.5 hours which has a service value



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of \$2,514.00 and Childrens’ Cabinet intern recorded 80 hours which has a service value of \$1,804.00. and Nevada Youth Empowerment Program logged 4.0 hours which has a service value of \$90.20. Total volunteer hours for the new fiscal year for October were 305.5, which has a service value of \$6,889.00 for the month.

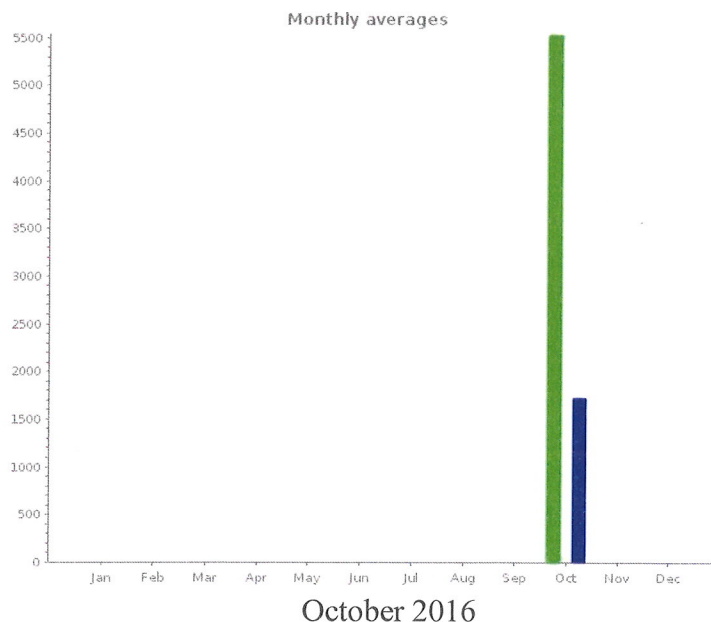
◆ **Job Corps & Children’s Cabinet**

A new Sierra Nevada Job Corps termed out his past month but the Arboretum will retain Children’s Cabinet interns through November. Job Corps and Children’s Cabinet and Nevada Youth Empowerment are trained by staff and seasonals.

Wilbur D. May Arboretum Visitors

- ◆ The May Arboretum subscribes to the Pedestrian TRAFX Counter software. The software is used to collect, view, analyze and manage pedestrian data flow from two entrances of the Arboretum, south entrance and west entrance. The data is collected monthly using a portable data logger (G3 Dock). Adjustments are made to accommodate visitors entering and exiting the Arboretum. The system averages the number of visitors based on historical data and the days that were recorded. March and April pedestrian data is included in this report.

In October the Arboretum recorded 7,255 visitors this past month. Total visitors from the south entrance were 5,528 and the west entrance 1,727. Average daily visitors from the south entrance per day were 173 visitors, and 55.7 per day from the west entrance respectively. Average daily arboretum visitors per day for October were 229 per day. Total visitors since January 2016 were 57,474.





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Site Name	Average	Median	STDV (σ_{pop})	Min	Max
So.Arbo Entrance ^D	5,528.3	5,528.3	0.0	5,528.3	5,528.3
West Arbo Entrance ^D	1,727.0	1,727.0	0.0	1,727.0	1,727.0

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

Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ADT [†]	ADT [†] x365	Days with data
2016	So. Arbo Entrance	1,521	2,359	2,353	3,333	2,814*	2,812	4,023	3,754	4,779	5,528*			107,588	39,377	296
	West Arbo Entrance	846	1,199	893	2,140	2,297*	1,988	2,703	634	747	1,727*			49,446	18,097	296

ADT[†] = Average Daily Traffic

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

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Arboretum Tours

- ◆ No tours were scheduled for this month.

MAY ARBORETUM SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ The Arboretum is hosting the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (WCISA) arborist training preparatory class from November 14th through November 17th, 2016. This is a professional workshop for those seeking certification. Five park staff members are attending the training, free of charge, saving the county \$125/registration fee per person. Those seeking to test and become a certified arborist, a fee is required through the Western Chapter if the ISA. The test will be administered on November 18th in the Ranch House at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park. Registration is closed.

Volunteer Report

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October 2016 Highlights

- Overall October was a very good month for volunteering. However, because we did not have the May Center Pumpkin Walk this year, hours were significantly lower. Normally we would have hundreds of hours from pumpkin carving, event setup and takedown, and from volunteer time during the event itself.
- We had several LDS Church groups reach out to us about setting up days of service in October. In total we had 5 wards volunteering at Rancho San Rafael Park, North Valleys Regional Park, Galena Creek Regional Park, Lazy 5 Regional Park, the East Keystone Canyon trailhead. Group sizes ranged from 5 people to close to 40 individuals.
- The Regional Shooting Facility had 190 hours in the month of October. In addition to two individual volunteers, there were three days where groups of people worked on a thorough cleanup of specific areas of the range under the range master's supervision.
- Students from the Academy of Arts, Career and Technology spent several afternoons working along the banks of Herman's Pond at Rancho San Rafael clearing weeds and overgrown willows to provide more accessible areas for fishing. The project culminated with a free Family Fishing Day organized by the students.

Upcoming Events

- We hope to squeeze in a couple more group volunteer events while weather is still permitting. Two events are pending rescheduling from cancellations due to rain and high wind in October.

October Volunteer Hours/Value:

Volunteer hours were down due to the cancellation of the Pumpkin Walk this year. Intern hours also continue to be down as Job Corp is undergoing several transitions and they are not providing interns at this time. We still, however, have an intern at the Arboretum from the Children's Cabinet.

	October 2016	October 2015	% Increase	Total for YTD 2016	Compared to YTD 2015	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	1,670	2,198.5	-24.0%	14,916.5	24,378.75	-38.8%
# of Intern Hrs	80	293	-72.7%	1,988.25	3,027.5	-34.3%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$41,230.00	\$57,478.90	-28.3%	\$398,275.91	\$641,509.02	-37.9%

*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/volunteer_time.



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.
- Construction for Trail Connector between Ballardini Ranch Trailhead and Thomas Creek Trailhead began on Thursday, October 27th. Sierra Trail Works has been contracted to construct the first few miles of new trail. Great Basin Institute crews are assisting Sierra Trail Works.

Eastern Sierra Trail Coalition

- Assistance grant received from National Park Service Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program to form a Trails Coalition
- Draft Charter and Resolution being reviewed by group
- Vision is a Regional network of sustainable trails that provide connectivity between communities, points of interest, and outdoor recreation opportunities within the Eastern Sierra and Tahoe Region.
- Coalition is being led by Washoe County and members include: Back Country Horseman, BLM, USFS, Carson City Parks & Open Space, Carson Valley Trails Association, College Cyclery, Eagle Valley Trail Committee, Friends of Incline Trails, Great Basin Institute, Muscle Powered, Nevada State Parks, Biggest Little Trail Stewardship, Tahoe Fund, Tahoe Pyramid Bikeway, Tahoe Rim Trail Association, Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association, Washoe County Parks, Washoe Zephyr Consulting, Alta Planning
- ***Trails Summit schedule at Bartley Ranch Regional Park on November 4, 2016. Registration is open at Tahoe Rim Trail Association. www.tahoerimtrail.org***

Eagle Canyon Park Playground

- Project expected to go out to bid Fall 2016

Gator Swamp Park Playground

- Project expected to go out to bid Fall 2016

Galena-Joy Lake-Callahan Fuels Project

- NDF grant for continuation of fuels reduction project from Galena Regional Park to Callahan Ranch Road along Galena Creek. Grant awarded to NDF. Washoe County providing interface between staff, community and TMFPD.

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

Hunter Creek Bridge

- Lumos and Associates on contract for engineering specification and bid documents.

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

- Punch list being completed

Little Valley Burned Area Emergency Response Team (BAER)

- Washoe County leading multi-agency team to assess and mitigate impacts of the Little Valley fire to public and private property.
- BAER team completed assessments October 31st and will develop restoration plans.
- BAER teams are staffed by specially trained professionals including hydrologists, soil scientists, engineers, biologists, vegetation specialists, archeologists and others who rapidly evaluate the burned area and prescribe emergency stabilization treatments. These can include cleaning of culverts and ditches, redirecting water and sediment flows where needed, and installing soil stabilization treatments such as log and straw erosion barriers and the use of straw or chipped wood mulch.

NDF Medusahead Grant

Project on-going.

Volunteer planting project at Hawken fire scheduled for November 19th in cooperation with NDOW and WC.

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 late Fall of 2016

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. **Plan adopted by BCC September 27, 2016.**
- Cheryl Surface is leading the Recreation Team
- Funding provided through Washoe County State Question 1 Program

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.
- Groundbreaking held August 19th at Sand Harbor Boat Ramp.
- 2 parking lots and tunnel under SR-28 completed.
- Washoe County leading the Signage Plan

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.
- Project began September 26th. Fencing installed. Washoe County Roads crews completed initial work to decommission old roads. Great Basin Institute crews are doing vegetative restoration and seeding. Project completed for fall and will resume in the spring.

Wilbur May Arboretum Greenhouse Project

- Special Use Permit submitted to the City of Reno
- Dirt work to commence winter of 2016/2017

Board of County Commissioners Action October 2016

October 25, 2016

- Tentatively approve an Agreement for License and Professional Management Services at Washoe Golf Course between Washoe County and the most qualified proposer [staff recommends Billy Casper Golf], for full management of the Washoe Golf Course for a four and one half year period commencing on January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021; and if tentatively approved, authorize the Community Services Department Director to further negotiate and sign the Agreement consistent with the selected vendor's proposal. (Commission District 1.)